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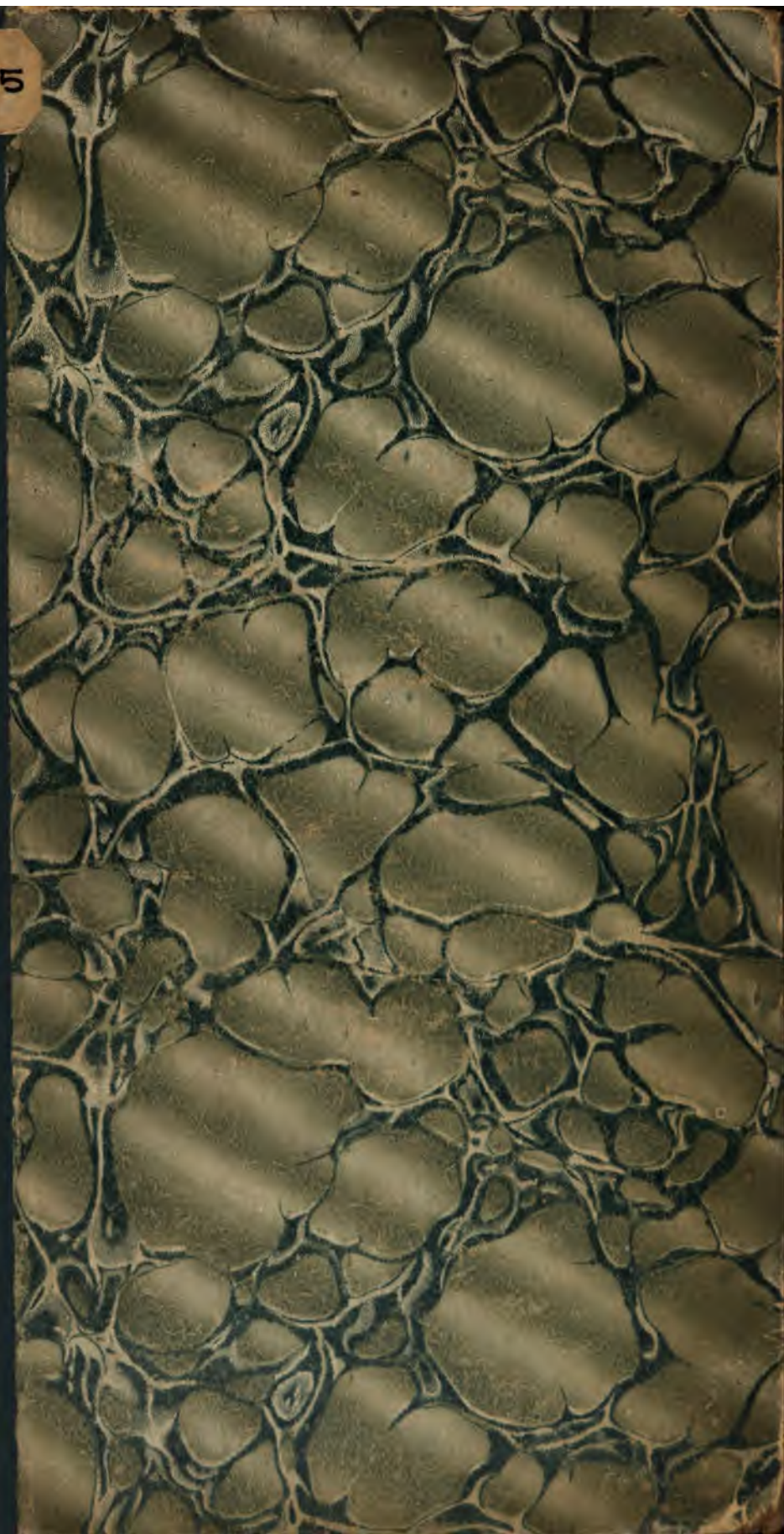
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## LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD.

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### Bethlehem.

Rt. Rev. John C. Jacobson,	}	Members of the Prov. Eld. Conference.
Rt. Rev. P. Wolle,		
Rev. P. H. Goepp.		
Rev. H. A. Shultz,		
Rev. Sylvester Wolle,		
Rev. L. F. Kampman,		Pastor.
		Principal of Female Seminary.
		President of Moravian College and Theological Seminary.
Matthew Krause,	}	Delegates.
William Leibert,		
Jedidiah Weiss,		
Augustus Luckenbach,		
Augustus Wolle.		

### Nazareth.

Rev. T. Wunderling,	}	Pastor.
Rev. E. H. Reichel,		
Rev. Lawrence Oerter,		
Andrew G. Kern.		
		Principal of Nazareth Hall Board. School.
		Delegates.

### Litiz.

Rev. Edmund de Schweinitz,	}	Pastor.
Rev. J. T. Bechler,		
J. B. Tschudy,		
N. S. Wolle,		
		Principal of Linden Grove Seminary.
		Delegates.

### Philadelphia,

Rev. A. A. Reinke,	}	Pastor.
Lewis Esler,		
P. A. Cregar,		
		Delegates.

### New York.

Rev. E. E. Reinke,	Pastor.
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### Brooklyn.

Rev. H. Brickenstein,	Pastor.
James Baldwin,	Delegate.

### Staten Island.

Rev. E. T. Senseman,	Pastor.
L. Cortelyou,	Delegate.

### Schoeneck.

Rev. J. Regennass,	Pastor.
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### Emmaus.

Rev. E. T. Kluge,	Pastor.
Samuel Christ,	Delegate.

## LIST OF MEMBERS.

Rev. J. Praeger, J. Moersch,	<b>Hopedale.</b> Pastor. Delegate.
Rev. J. Kummer, G. K. Reed, F. H. Keller,	<b>Lancaster.</b> Pastor. } Delegates.
Rev. F. F. Hagen, Henry Latimer, David Fahs,	<b>York.</b> Pastor. } Delegates.
Rev. W. Lennert, John Graeff,	<b>Lebanon,</b> Pastor. Delegate.
Rev. H. Bachman, Jacob Gernand,	<b>Graceham.</b> Pastor. Delegate.
Rev. Clem. Reinke, Ferdinand Helwig, William Micksch,	<b>Gnadenhuetten.</b> Pastor. } Delegates.
Rev. Eugene Leibert, Jonathan Romig, Benjamin Walton,	<b>Sharon.</b> Pastor. } Delegates.
Rev. H. G. Clauder,	<b>Canal Dover.</b> Pastor.
Rev. Eugene P. Greider, Lewis Essex,	<b>Hope.</b> Late Pastor. Delegate.
Rev. M. Houser, Rev. J. Haman,	<b>West Salem, (English.)</b> Pastor. Delegate.
Rev. H. Titze,	<b>West Salem, (German.)</b> Pastor.
Rev. G. Kaltenbrunn, Rev. G. Uecke,	<b>Watertown and Ebenezer.</b> Pastor. Delegate.
Rev. B. Ricksecker,	<b>Camden.</b> Pastor.
Rev. P. H. Gapp, Rev. J. Israel, Rev. Mr. Kiergard, Rev. A. C. Wedekind,	<b>Advisory Members.</b> Home Missionary, Philadelphia. Home Missionary, Egg Harbour City. Moravian Missionary from Jamaica. Delegate to the Synod, from the General Synod of the Lutheran Church.

Thus constituted, the Synod numbered 61 members, including 4 advisory members.

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FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, May 22, 9 A. M.

FIRST SESSION.

Synod met in the Moravian church, at Litiz, and was opened by Bishop JACOBSON, President of the Provincial Elders' Conference, with the benediction: "The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."—(Philip IV. 7.)

Thereupon the hymns "Gracious Lord our Shepherd and salvation," &c., and "Gerein, Gesegneter des Herrn," &c., were sung.

Br. JACOBSON next led in prayer, invoking the divine blessing upon the deliberations of the Synod, and the enlightening aid of the Holy Spirit in all its transactions.

The texts for the day were then read, in English and German, and the Synodical address, based upon one of these texts, viz: "He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd doth his flock." (Jer. XXXI. 10.)—was delivered by Br. JACOBSON.

Br. JACOBSON presented the following salutatory letter from the Unity's Elders' Conference, to the Synod:

Gnade sei mit Euch, und Friede von Gott, unserm Vater, und dem Herrn Jesu Christo!

In unserm Herrn und Heiland herzlich geliebte Brüder.

Da Ihr, so der Herr will, Euch am 22sten May zu Eurer Provinzial-Synode versammeln werdet, so zieht uns die Gemeinschaft des Geistes, welche wir haben, und das Band der Bruderliebe, Euch zu dieser Eurer Versammlung einen herzlichen Gruß über das Weltmeer hinüber zu schicken und Euch zu sagen, daß unsere nahe Theilnahme und unser stetes Andenken vor dem Herrn Euch begleiten wird. Wir werden unser Gebet mit dem Euren vereinigen, daß der Heiland, wenn Ihr Euch versammeln werdet, mit Seinem Friedensgruß in Eure Mitte trete, daß Er, unser Haupt, sich fühlbar unter Euch regen und Euch, Seine Glieder, Ihm nachbewegen wolle, daß Er Euch Seinen Geist geben und lassen wolle, der uns in alle Wahrheit leitet, und der Euch Gnade, Kraft und Weisheit gebe, alles das zu vollenden, wozu Ihr auch in dieser Eurer wichtigen Versammlung berufen seid.

Daß unsere Bräderkirche, von welcher Ihr einen nicht kleinen Theil ausmacht, ein Werk Seiner Hand ist, das sagt uns unsere Geschichte, und die Gotteskraft, welche sich vom Anfang über uns erwiesen hat. Denken wir an die Entstehung unseres Kirchleins, so ist es klar: "Das ist vom Herrn geschehen und ist ein Wunder vor unsern Augen." (Ps. 118, 23.) Und wie viele Erfahrungen haben wir seitdem gemacht, wo der Herr auch zu uns sagen konnte: "Sehet Ihr nun, daß Ich's alleine bin?" (5 Mos. 32, 39.) "Alle Menschen, die es sehen, werden sagen: Das hat Gott gethan." (Ps. 64, 10.)

Und sollte der, der das gethan hat, nicht noch mehr im Sinne haben? Was ist es, das uns, die wir wohl wissen, daß wir des Ruhmes mangeln, den wir an Ihm haben sollen, (Röm. 3, 23.) so oft vor Ihm tief in den Staub beugt? Ist es nicht Seine Gnade, die Er noch nicht hat von uns weichen und der Bund Seines Friedens, den Er noch nicht hat hinfallen lassen? (Jes. 54, 10.) Wir sehen manche der Kirchenabtheilungen und christlichen Gemeinschaften, die auch ein Werk der Hand des Herrn sind, im Ernst ihres Christenthums, in ihrem Eifer und in ihrer Thätigkeit in Seinem Reich und für Sein Reich uns voraus laufen, und wirklich sehen schon viele derselben auf uns mit der Frage: "Was soll aber diese?" (Joh. 21, 21.) Wir glauben aber die Antwort des Heilands zu vernehmen: "So ich will, daß sie bleibe, bis daß ich komme, was gehet es dich an?" (Vers 22.) Wir können glauben, daß die Brüdergemeine ihren Zweck, die Absicht, welche der Heiland mit ihr hat, noch nicht erreicht und erfüllt hat.

Wozu Er uns noch aufgehoben hat, wissen wir nicht, aber unsere gegenwärtige Bestimmung kann uns nicht zweifelhaft sein; wir können sie aus dem Punde erkennen, welches der Heiland uns anvertraut hat. Dies Pund ist vor Allem das Wort vom Kreuz, das Wort von Ihm dem Gekreuzigten, und zwar von Ihm allein, wie auch der Apostel Paulus nichts anders zu predigen wußte und wissen wollte, als Jesum Christum den Gekreuzigten (1 Cor. 2, 2); das Wort, welches aller Welt gepredigt werden soll, weil es allein die Kraft hat, selig zu machen Alle, die daran glauben (Röm. 1, 16.); das Zeugniß, mit welchem allein auch das Zeugniß des Heiligen Geistes verbunden sein kann. (Joh. 15, 26. Joh. 16, 4.) "Es giebt," sagt einer unserer glaubigen Theologen, "keine höhere Weisheit, keine mächtigere Gotteskraft als dies Evangelium. Jede Lehre, welche darüber hinausgehen will, jede Kraft, die noch mehr ausrichten will, kommt nicht vom Heiligen Geist." Davon soll unsere Brüdergemeine ein Zeugniß sein vor aller Welt.

An wem aber soll sich die Kraft dieses Evangeliums zuerst beweisen? Gewiß an uns. (Ps. 116, 10. 2 Cor. 4, 13.) So erkennen wir also auch das für unsern Beruf und unsere Bestimmung, daß wir Gemeinen des Lammes sind, Gemeinen, an welchen gepriesen werde der Name unsers Herrn Jesu Christi und wir in Ihm (2 Thess. 1, 12); Gemeinen, in denen es heißen soll: Unser keiner lebt ihm selber, unser keiner stirbt ihm selber; leben wir so leben wir dem Herrn, sterben wir so sterben wir dem Herrn, darum wir leben oder sterben, so sind wir des Herrn (Röm. 14, 7. 8.); Gemeinen, welche den ganzen Anzug haben, welchen der Apostel Col. 3, 12—14 beschreibt; Gemeinen, für die der Heiland gebeten hat, daß sie alle Eines seien, (Joh. 17, 21.) zu einem Zeugniß für die Welt.

Der Gemeinde zu Philadelphia, welche behalten hatte das Wort von Seiner Geduld, ließ der Herr sagen: "Halte was du hast, daß niemand deine Krone nehme." (Offenb. 3, 11.) Das sagt Er auch zu uns, auch zu Euch. — Er helfe uns selbst unsern Schatz bewahren; Er erhalte uns zusammen in Seiner Wahrheit! Er lasse auch uns behalten das Wort von Seiner Geduld, damit Er auch uns möge behalten können vor der Stunde der Versuchung, die kommen wird über den ganzen Erdbreis. (Vers 10.)

Lieben Brüder, es ist jetzt vieles in der Welt was uns an das Wort des Apostels erinnert: "Kinder, es ist die letzte Stunde" (1 Joh. 2, 18); und was der Heiland in der Stunde der Versuchung zu Seinen Jüngern sagte: "wacht und betet, daß ihr nicht in Anfechtung fallet," (Matth. 26, 41)—das sagt Er auch zu uns. So laßt uns denn wachen und beten, und laßt uns Fleiß thun, unsern Beruf und Erwählung fest zu machen, damit uns reichlich bargereicht werde der Eingang zu dem ewigen Reich unsers Herrn und Heilandes Jesu Christi. (2 Petr. 1, 10. 11.)

Die Unitäts Aeltesten Conferenz,

Johann Martin Nitschmann, Präses.

Bethelsdorf, den 23ten März, 1861.

On motion this letter was ordered to be spread upon the Journal of Synod.

On motion of Br. Goepp a committee of three on credentials was appointed.

The President pro temp. appointed the three members of the P. E. C.

On motion of Br. Schweinitz, Br. N. S. Wolle was, viva voce, elected Secretary pro temp.

Synod took a recess.

Synod having re-assembled, the committee on credentials reported correct the credentials of the following delegates, who were present and entitled to seats.

Bethlehem.	{ Matthew Krause,
	{ William Leibert,
	{ Augustus Luckenbach,
Nazareth.	{ Rev. L. Oerter,
	{ A. G. Kern,
Litiz.	{ J. B. Tschudy,
	{ N. S. Wolle,
Philadelphia.	P. A. Cregar,
Emmaus.	Samuel Christ,
Brooklyn.	James Baldwin,
Staten Island.	L. Cortelyou,
Hopedale.	J. Moersch,
Lancaster.	{ G. K. Reed,
	{ F. H. Keller,
York.	Henry Latimer,
Graceham.	Jacob Gernand,
Gnadenhuetten.	{ Ferdinand Helwig,
	{ William Micksh,
Sharon.	{ Jonathan Romig,
	{ Benjamin Walton,
Hope.	Lewis Essex,
Watertown and Ebenezer,	Rev. G. Uecke.
West Salem, English,	Rev. J. Haman.

On motion of Br. Goepp, Synod proceeded to organize.

On motion of Bishop P. Wolle, Bishop Jacobson was elected President by acclamation.

Br. Schweinitz moved that Synod elect, as Secretary, a brother not a member of this body. Agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz nominated Br. Ferdinand Rickert, of Litiz. Br. Rickert was, viva voce, unanimously elected.

Br. J. B. Tschudy was, viva voce, unanimously elected door-keeper.

On motion of Br. Goepp, the rules of order of the Synod of 1855, as amended by the Synod of 1856, were adopted for the government of this body.

On motion of Br. Schweinitz, Br. J. B. Tschudy was appointed a committee of one, on printing the list of the members of Synod, and such other matter as Synod may order to be printed for its use.

Br. Kiergard, Missionary from Jamaica, on motion of Br. Bechler, was elected an advisory member.

Br. Eugene Greider, who has temporarily resigned his office of Pastor at Hope, on account of ill health, but who is ready to re-enter the service, his health being restored, was, on motion, admitted to the Synod as a voting member.

Br. Jacobson, President of the P. E. C., in the name of this Conference resigned into the hands of the Synod, according to the requirements of the constitution, the office with which he and his colleagues were entrusted six years ago, thanking the brethren for the confidence placed in them, and asking the indulgence of the church for the official errors which they may inadvertently have committed.

Br. Bechler moved that the late P. E. C. be requested to attend to the current business of this Conference until a new P. E. C. shall have been elected. Agreed to.

On leave Br. Schweinitz read a series of resolutions for the expediting of the business of Synod, as follows :

I. *Resolved*, That at this present Synod, and at subsequent Synods, the following Committees be appointed, to be called the "Standing Committees of the Synod," to wit: a Committee on Education, a Committee on Publications, a Committee on Home Missions, a Committee on Finance, and a Committee on the State of Religion.

II. *Resolved*, That these committees, unless ordered otherwise, in any particular case, by the Synod, shall always be appointed by the President, in conjunction with the P. E. C., and shall consist of either five, or seven, or nine members in each committee, as the President and P. E. C. may see fit; provided, however, that the number of members in any committee, if this be deemed necessary, may be increased by the Synod.

III. *Resolved*, That to these committees shall be referred, as soon as they shall have been read, the reports of all officers and bodies appointed by Synod to act during the recess between Synods.

IV. *Resolved*, That the announcement of the names of the members composing these committees, shall be the business next in order after said reports have been read.

V. *Resolved*, That thus the order of business at this Synod, and at subsequent Synods, next after the organization thereof, be the following, unless otherwise established by Synod :

a. Reading of the reports of all officers and bodies appointed by Synod to act during the recess between Synods, and reference of each report, as read, to the respective Standing Committee.

b. Announcement, by the President, of the names of the members of the Standing Committees.

c. Presentation of memorials or communications from the churches of the Province, or from individuals, including such resolutions as members of the Synod may have prepared and be ready to present.

d. Appointment of special committees by the Synod, provided any such committee be deemed necessary, said committees to be filled by the President, in conjunction with the P. E. C., unless otherwise ordered.

e. Reports of the pastors and delegates of the churches of the Province upon the state of religion in the same.

VI. *Resolved*, That this Synod and subsequent Synods, be governed by the Rules of Order adopted by the Synod of 1855, and revised by the Synod of 1856; provided, however, that changes in the same, if deemed necessary at any time, be allowable.

VII. *Resolved*, That the devotional exercises at this Synod, and at subsequent Synods be the following: The morning session to be opened with singing, reading of a passage of Scripture, prayer, and reading of the texts of the day, and to be closed with singing. The afternoon session to be opened with singing and prayer, and to be closed with singing.

On motion of Br. Kummer, these resolutions were taken up for consideration.

Br. Kampman moved that they be adopted as a whole. Br. Cortelyou moved an amendment that they be considered seriatim. Agreed to.

Resolution No. I was adopted.

Resolution No. II was adopted.

Resolution No. III being before the Synod, Br. Goepp moved to strike it out. Br. Latimer moved an amendment, that the words: "unless otherwise ordered by Synod," be added to the resolution. Amendment agreed to, and resolution as amended, adopted.

Br. Luckenbach moved that Synod meet daily at 8 o'clock, A. M. and at 2 o'clock, P. M. Agreed to. Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

SUNG: "Wir wissen selber nichts zu machen," &c.

## SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday, May 22, 2 P. M.

SUNG: "Ye who called to Christ's service are," &c.

Prayer by Br. P. Wolle.

Br. Wunderling, Pastor of the church at Nazareth, appeared and took his seat; also Br. J. Graeff, delegate from Lebanon, whose credentials the committee on credentials reported correct.

On motion the resolutions offered by Br. Schweinitz were taken up.

Resolution No. IV was adopted.

Resolution No. V being before the Synod, Br. Goepp moved to consider its articles seriatim. Agreed to.

Br. Goepp moved to add the words, "according to the 3d resolution," to the first article, after the words, "Standing Committee." Agreed to. The first article, as amended, and the remaining articles of the resolution, were severally adopted; and on motion of Br. Luckenbach the entire resolution No. V, as amended, was adopted.

Resolution No. VI being before the Synod, Br. Kampman moved to strike out the words: "and subsequent Synods." Not agreed to. Br. Goepp moved to strike out all after the word Resolved, and insert the following: "That the foregoing 5 Resolutions, as amended, be added to the Rules of Order adopted by the Synod of 1855, and amended by the Synod of 1856." Not agreed to.

Leave being granted, Br. Schweinitz withdrew the entire resolution. Br. Schweinitz also withdrew resolution No. VII.

On motion the five resolutions as amended, were unanimously adopted as a whole.

Synod took a recess.

Synod having re-assembled the order of business just adopted, was carried out.

The report of the P. E. C. being first called for, it was submitted and read by the President of the same, as follows:



**REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL ELDERS' CONFERENCE,**

FROM JUNE, 1858, TO MAY, 1861.

The former members of the P. E. C. having been confirmed in their office by the last Prov. Synod, they met for the first time on the 14th of June, 1858, in their official capacity, and from that period forward—circumstances permitting—in weekly sessions. These were, however, from time to time interrupted by the absence of one or more members of the Conference on official visits to our Congregations. In the year 1859 Br. Jacobson spent some time with the Congregation at Hopedale, having been invited to assist at the Dedication of a new church at Coveville, on the 10th of July, and at the organization there of a small Congregation in the neighborhood of and in connexion with our Congregation at Hopedale, on which occasion he also visited most of the members of the latter Church. The same brother, during the months of August, September and October of that year, was also absent on a visitation tour to several of our Western Congregations, viz: to West Salem, Ill., where, on the 13th and 14th of Aug., he took part in the dedication of a newly erected Church Edifice for the English Division of that Congregation. Having spent some time here and at Olney, where he had occasion to introduce Br. Herm. Brickenstein to our H. M. Congregation, at that place, he proceeded to Wisconsin, to visit our Congregations at Watertown and Ebenezzer; after a sojourn there of several weeks, making a short stay by the way, at our H. M. Station at Coatesville (since discontinued), he went on to Hope, Ind., where he tarried about two weeks, in repeated consultation with the proper Boards on Congregation and School matters, and visiting most of the members at their houses. During this trip he contracted an affection of the eye, which incapacitated him for any further extended visitations for the term. The other members of the P. E. C. likewise paid official visits to various Congregations, Br. Goepp to New York, to Staten Island, Litiz, Nazareth and to several of our H. M. Stations; and Br. Wolle at different periods to our Congregations at Camden Valley, Graceham, our three Ohio Congregations, Lancaster and Litiz; also to Salem, N. Carolina, in 1859, for the purpose of ordaining Br. Parm. Leinbach a Deacon of our Church, on his entering the service of the Church in the Southern Province, on which occasion Br. W. also participated in the celebration of the Centenary Jubilee of the Congregation at Bethany, N. Carolina. We were in a great measure prevented from visiting more of our Congregations, by the circumstance that on account of the increasing blindness of our Minister at Litiz, Br. Samuel Reinke, ministerial assistance was required in that Church, and no other brother being available, Br. P. Wolle was appointed to that service. Br. Reinke being eventually obliged to resign, Br. Wolle for several weeks officiated in his stead as Pastor of the Congregation, until that station could be permanently supplied by the appointment of the present pastor.

As far as the shortness of time, that could be allotted to visitations, admitted of forming an opinion on the spiritual state of the Congregations visited, an impression was made on the minds of the visitors, that while in most of them the evidences of genuine spiritual life and of due appreciation of the means of grace, as afforded by our Church, were perceptible to a very satisfactory degree, here and there a want was observed of that harmony among the members, and also between some of them and their pastors, which is the life and soul of our Church. This, in one instance, amounted to a serious estrangement, growing out of the different views of fundamental principles, in which both parties may be equally sincere. May the present occasion help to open the way for a re-union of hearts!

Two new Church edifices, besides the two mentioned above, have been erected and dedicated, viz: one at Fry's Valley, where a congregation had been organized, affiliated to Gnadenhuetten, O. and another at Lebanon, Pa., where, after the destruction by fire of the former church in July, 1858, the corner-stone of the new building was laid on the 5th October, of the same year, at which, besides other ministerial brethren, two members the P. E. C., the Brn. P. Wolle and Jacobson officiated. Its Dedication took place on the 29th of June, 1859, on which occasion, Br. Goepp, on the part of the P. E. C., assisted.

Our Congregation at Graceham celebrated its Centenary Jubilee on the 8th and 9th of October, 1858; the exercises on the occasion, at which, among other brethren, Br. P. Wolle, of the P. E. C., took an active part, we have reason to believe were richly blessed to many souls.

A number of Ordinations of brethren in and for the service of the Church in our Province, have taken place since the last Synod. On the 3d of Oct. 1858, Br. Samuel

Reinke, at Lititz, was consecrated a Bishop of the United Brethren's Church, by Br. P. Wolle, assisted by Br. Jacobson; and subsequently, viz: May 13, under the administration of the same Brethren, Br. George F. Bahnson, of Salem, N. C., was consecrated a Bishop of our Church. At different times the following brethren, on entering the regular service of the Church were ordained as *Deacons*: Br. Benjamin Romig, for Barbadoes, the Brethren Edw. Kluge, Eugene Leibert, Clem. Reinke and Jas. Haman (the latter at Salem, N. C.) for different stations in our Province, and for the H. M. Service, the Brethren G. Uecke, John C. Israel, Phil. Rommel, Anton Lehman, also the Brethren Herm. Brickenstein and Henry T. Bachman.

No deaths have occurred in the ranks of our ministers during the last three years; but by the resignation of two of their number, on account of enfeebled health, viz: the Brethren Samuel Reinke and E. Linke, not a few changes became necessary, and a vacancy, caused by the temporary resignation at the beginning of the present year, from the same cause, it has as yet been found impossible to fill.

Your Executive Board has throughout the last term, especially during the latter part of it, experienced much embarrassment in making ministerial appointments, partly from the want of suitable brethren, and partly on account of the demands of another Board for ministerial brethren, viz: the Gen. H. M. Board. While with heartfelt gratitude to our Lord and Master for His watchful care over the lives and health of his servants, we rejoice that vacancies have as yet not more frequently occurred, we must confess that the immediate prospects in this respect, to human vision, are rather dark; from the ranks of the teachers at Nazareth Hall, for some time to come, we hardly look for any adequate supply—they either have not the intention or else not the suitable age for entering the service—nor would it be an easy matter to fill their places at the Hall, as the students at our College will not have completed their course for a twelvemonth to come.

The members of the P. E. C. being constitutionally members of the Gen. H. M. Board, their time and attention has in part been taken up by the embarrassing deliberations frequently occurring in this interesting but complicated field. Three years' experience in the transactions connected with the H. M. cause, has wrought a conviction in the minds of most of the members of the Gen. H. M. Board, that an alteration in its construction is desirable.

The affairs of our Indian Mission in Kansas have throughout this period occupied much of the time and correspondence of the P. E. C., under whose immediate supervision this mission has necessarily been. It may be proper here to remark that this mission has now been discontinued, our Christian Indians, few in number, after being driven from their home, having with the consent of Government been merged in the neighboring tribe of Chippewas, who, for the present at least, do not admit of the establishment of a Mission Station among them; nor is there, for various other reasons, any prospect of its renewal at a future period.

On the proposition brought to the notice of the Synod of 1858, by Br. Otto Tank, at Greenbay, Wisc., to unite with him and others in a scheme of founding a Moravian College in Wisconsin, the P. E. C. has entered into correspondence with said brother. In consequence of further information on the subject, thus obtained, P. E. C. has felt compelled to decline any participation in the enterprise on the part of the Church, partly, because it was evident from the terms of the Charter, that the Moravian influence would be altogether but nominal, and partly because the Moravian College and Theological Seminary at Bethlehem had already been resolved upon by the Prov. Synod. This College has since been in successful operation. About two months after the passing of the resolution, a very suitable building was prepared for the reception of our students, and on the 30th Aug., of the same year, (1858) the Institution was solemnly opened. Br. Lewis Kampman having been elected by the Synod Principal Professor and General Superintendent of the Establishment, the P. E. C. subsequently associated with him as Professors the Brethren Wm. Reichel and Lewis Huebener. Five Students and the Preparand Class of four pupils were at once transferred from their former residence at Ephrata, near Nazareth, to this locality.

In the month of May Br. Wm. Lennert, then Minister at Nazareth, by appointment attended the General Lutheran Synod at Pittsburg, to mutual satisfaction.

The Editorship of the *Moravian*, at the beginning of the year 1859, passed from the hands of Br. Edm. de Schweinitz, who resigned his office, into those of Br. Edwin Seneaman, who, without interruption, has since faithfully and ably performed the laborious task of its weekly issue.

About a year ago the former Editor of the *Bruderblatt*, our late Br. Charles F.

Seidel, was compelled by increasing bodily infirmities to resign the Editorship of this Periodical. Br. Theoph. Wunderling, at Nazareth, assisted by Br. John C. Brickenstein, supplied his place. Some further remarks concerning these Periodicals will be found in the Report on the Bookstore, contained in the Financial Report of the P. E. C.

In regard to the *Translation into English of the Brethren's History by Cræger*, in German, with which Br. Hagen has been charged, we can report progress. It is a voluminous work, and while we cheerfully bear testimony to the diligence and perseverance of the translator and the correctness of this work, we apprehend that if the work is to be continued by a brother in a situation like his, if he will with faithfulness perform the paramount duties of his station, it must take several years to complete it. The original work has three volumes, and the translator has not been able to get through the first volume. Will the Synod, perhaps, take this matter into consideration?

The Compendium of the Constitution and Statutes of the Brethren's Church, resolved upon by the last Synod, the arrangement of which was entrusted by it to Br. Edmund de Schweinitz, has in a very satisfactory manner been executed by said brother, and after having been approved by P. E. C., made its appearance in print in the year 1859, under the title of the "Moravian Manual," and answers well its two-fold purposes, as expressed in the preface.

In regard to the compilation of an English Liturgy-book, called for by a resolution of the Synod of 1856, no progress can be reported. It was thought advisable to await the action of the British Province in this matter; but we have since been informed that this Province met with great difficulties in the execution of the project, and has made but little progress.

A new and revised edition (in stereotype) of our German Hymn Book, under the supervisory care of the Brethren Edwin Reinke and Peter Wolle, will be speedily completed.

It has been a matter of regret and solicitude to the Authorities of the Church, and no doubt to all who wish well to and "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," that symptoms of disregard of established regulations of the Church, have manifested themselves in some of our congregations, and our solicitude for the good name and character, if not the very existence, of our Church has been much increased by observing that not only brotherly remonstrances on the part of the P. E. C. have been utterly ignored by those to whom they were directed, but that brethren and sisters who were considered to be in error, have been sustained and encouraged in their position by such as were set to watch over the interests of the Church. The life and strength of *our* Church, in the absence of legal compulsion, evidently lies in the cordial union of members in sincere love, and in cordial agreement with principles properly laid down. Whoever perseveringly ignores or opposes them, stains the character of our Church, and undermines its very existence—"a kingdom," our Saviour says, "or a city or a house," and we may add, a congregation, "divided against itself is brought to desolation." P. E. C. considered it their duty to enjoin upon such individuals as were dissatisfied with the existing regulations, rather than to continue to disturb the peace of the Congregations, to dissolve their connection with our Church, and attach themselves to another, entertaining views more congenial with their own; and this injunction has to some extent been carried out.

The Watchmen on the walls of Zion have also not been indifferent witnesses of a tendency, looming up in some quarters, of favoring views and practices highly esteemed in sister churches, but not in harmony with the true and vital spirit of the United Brethren's Church, which from the beginning formed its peculiar character, and its practices and institutions in consequence, and which gave it a standing among other churches, and a wide spread influence around them. It is time that we should soberly contemplate where we stand and where we are tending to, and if we are found moving in a wrong direction, we should arrest our steps before it is too late.

May the present occasion be blest to that effect.

J. C. JACOBSON,  
P. WOLLE,  
P. H. GOEPP.

In connection with this Report, the President of the P. E. C. read reports, addressed to the same, by the Principals of Nazareth Hall, of the Bethlehem Female Seminary, and of the Litiz Boarding School.

On motion of Br. S. Wolle, the report of the P. E. C. was re-

ceived, and so much of it as relates to the Schools, was referred to the committee on education; so much of it as appertains to the publications of the church, to the committee on publications; so much of it as treats of the Home Mission work, to the committee on Home Missions; and so much of it as sets forth the religious state of the Province, to the committee on the state of religion.

Br. Cregar moved that that part of the report, which speaks of a spirit of insubordination in some of our congregations, be referred to a special committee. Agreed to.

The report of the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund being next called for, Br. Goepp submitted and read this report, as follows:

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PROV. ELDERS' CONFERENCE,

Laid before the Provincial Synod of 1861.

The Receipts of the three last financial years, from June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1858, to May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1861, amounted in the aggregate to	\$46,337.28
During the three preceding years, from June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1855, to May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1858, the same amounted to	38,515.39½
Leaving a difference in favor of the last three years of	\$7,821.88½
There was an excess of interest received of	\$1,655.86½
There was an excess of income from Nazareth special fund of	1,122.08
There was an excess of contributions from Bethlehem Boarding School of	3,000.00
And an income from College Fund established since 1858,	2,490.00
	\$8,667.94½
But in house rents there was a decrease of	\$376.78
And in 1856 an extraordinary surplus on Book Store account, not occurring since,	469.28
	846.06
Leaving as above,	\$7,821.88½
The disbursements of the last three financial years amounted to	\$49,504.62½
And during the three preceding years to	36,477.06½
Being an increase of disbursements since 1858 of not less than	\$13,027.55½
Salaries of P. E. C. in three last years, more,	450.00
Sustentations in three last years, more,	429.30
Educational expenses in three last years, more,	7,765.94½
Travelling expenses of Ministers in three last years, more,	872.14
Taxes in three last years, more,	168.18
Repairs, &c., in three last years, more,	1,551.29
Publication expenses in three last years, more,	1,769.24½
Deficiency in Bookstore in 1859,	1,599.39½
	\$14,605.49½
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Other expenses of P. E. C., less,	\$107.50
Aid to Ministers, "	888.07
Provincial Synod, "	582.37
	1,577.94
Leaving as above,	\$13,027.55½

The expenditures of the last three years amounting as above to	\$49,504.62½
and the receipts to only	46,337.28
there is an excess of expenditures of	\$3,167.34½
viz: In 1858 and '59,	\$3,192.60
In 1859 and '60,	419.67½
	\$3,612.27½
And in 1860 and '61 a surplus of	444.93½
Leaving deficiency as above of	\$3,167.34½
Whereas there was in the three preceding years an aggregate surplus of	2,038.32½
Being a difference against the last three years of	\$5,205.67

This, being in the face of an actual increase of receipts of \$7,821.86½, is indeed a very startling result.

It is true, we find amongst the expenditures of the last three years an item of deficiency in the Bookstore amounting to \$1,600, which we trust will not occur again; so may likewise the item of "repairs" exceed the average to the amount of say \$500—which two items together would reduce the deficiency of the last three years to about \$1000. But, whilst it would be in vain to look for any considerable increase of the income of the Sustentation Diacony, the condition of the country tending rather to the contrary, we are pretty sure on the other hand of an increase in several items of the expenditures in the future.

The expenses of the Provincial Elders' Conference are at present below the proper average, owing to circumstances which are altogether accidental.

Sustentation expenses must necessarily increase at a very considerable rate, if the present system of carrying on our Home Mission work is persisted in.

The same increase will take place in regard to Educational expenses, which have fortunately been uncommonly low during the last year in the items of commutations and stipends, (in the year 1858 and '59 commutations and stipends, \$2,463.67; in 1859 and '60, \$1,791.62; in 1860 and '61, only \$1,380).

For *Home Mission* purposes there exists a yearly appropriation of \$500; but in the course of the last financial year the General Home Mission Board, owing to scarcity of funds, has been under the necessity of overdrawing itself to the amount of \$298.45 beyond the appropriation above named, with which amount the General Home Mission Board now stands charged amongst the debtors in account upon the books of the Sustentation Diacony. According to all human appearances it will be utterly impossible for the Home Mission Board ever to make good this indebtedness.

But whilst the increase of expenditures from the nature of our Home Mission work is for the present mostly of a *prospective* character, the actual *present* increase of expenditures must be mainly sought in the different organization of our educational institutions and in the mode of carrying on our publication business.

The *establishment of our College* entails a yearly increase of expenditures, compared to former arrangements, of at least \$2,500.

The *account of the Moravian* shows a yearly deficit of about \$800, whilst the publishing of a *monthly* journal left hardly any expenses uncovered.

On *Bruederblatt* account there was a deficiency in 1858 and '59 of \$35.95½; in 1859 and '60, \$98.94; in 1860 and '61, \$204.50; total, \$339.48½.

Our *Bookstore* operations are necessarily carried on at a much cheaper rate in Bethlehem than in Philadelphia. Its apparent surplus during the last two years amounts to \$139.30, after making proper allowance for lost or dubious debts. To this surplus of \$139.30 ought to be added the sum of \$161.60, being a payment in advance on German Hymn Books, which are still in the printer's or bookbinder's hands in New York. If no losses had been incurred on bad debts, assumed by the Bethlehem Bookstore from the one in Philadelphia, the apparent surplus of the Bethlehem Bookstore for the last two years and a half would have amounted to about \$800; although it must be understood that about \$500 of that amount are still in the hands of the present agent of the Bethlehem Bookstore.

Whilst on the one hand it would be very wrong to be unmindful on our part of the great mercies which our Lord has shown us even in our financial necessities, it would on the other hand be equally unbecoming to rush blindly on with closed eyes, under pretence of a faith which is no true Christian faith, heedless of all those unmistakable warnings which ought to prevent us from hurrying into certain financial ruin.

Our *Boarding Schools* have, by the mercy of the Lord, continued to prosper during the past period.

*Bethlehem Boarding School* has regularly paid a yearly contribution of \$2,000, and reduced its capital debt to the Sustentation Diacony from \$13,400 to \$8,500. The remainder of its yearly surplus has been mostly invested in internal improvements.

*Lititz Boarding School* has likewise paid off \$1,509 of its capital debt, reducing it somewhat more than one-half; and besides paid \$1,200, annually. Its annual surplus, which is of necessity proportionally smaller than that of Bethlehem Boarding School, has also in part been appropriated to the consolidation of its own "status."

*Nazareth Hall* has been, and is now, in a flourishing condition; but owing to its heavy indebtedness it could not yet reach that point, when it would be enabled to appear amongst the yearly regular contributors to the wants of the Sustentation Diacony. It has, however, by the blessing of God, succeeded in diminishing considerably its account current indebtedness to Sustentation Diacony; which from upwards of \$7,900—to which sum it amounted in 1859—has been reduced at the present moment to \$6,000. It ought not to pass by unnoticed that our three Boarding Schools in a manner furnish a yearly silent contribution to our Sustentation Diacony, as well as to our Foreign Mission Diacony, by supporting a larger or smaller number of *Gratuiti* out of their own means, the stipends which are annually paid by these Diaconies being by no means sufficient for the full support of these boys and girls. This burden has hitherto lain most heavily on Nazareth Hall, the number of *Gratuiti* there being generally larger in proportion to the number of other full paying boarders than in our two other Boarding Schools. Under the present aspect of the political affairs of this country, we recommend these our educational interests to the most prayerful intercession of all the members of our church.

Of the *College at Bethlehem* a report will be laid before the Synod by its present inspector.

*The Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Sustentation Diacony, on the 30th of April, 1861, is as follows:*

ASSETS.

1. Money at Interest, including Stocks,	\$176,582 01
2. Real Estate,	27,666 94½
3. Debtors in account current,	
Arrears of interest,	2,837 24
Small items due by several congregations,	453 10
Nazareth Hall account current,	6,000 00
Lititz Boarding School account current,	1,357 82
Bethlehem Bookstore account current,	2,556 09
Hope, Ind., trustees,	2,000 00
Furniture,	487 80½
General Home Mission Board,	298 45
Wachovia Sustentation Diacony,	459 70
Cashier Farmers' Bank of Easton,	7,213 59
Cash on hand,	3,728 96½
Sundries,	3,107 13½
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	30,499 86½
Total of Assets,	<hr/>
	\$234,748 85

LIABILITIES.

1. Creditors in account current,	\$ 3,479 17
2. Special funds,	
a. For the use of Sustentation Diacony in general,	
Bethlehem special fund,	\$103,797 95½
Nazareth special fund,	59,703 61
Special College fund,	21,630 00
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	185,061 56½
b. For the use of individual congregations.	
Schoeneck special fund,	\$1,745 00
Lebanon do,	874 03½
Emmans do,	2,747 21
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	\$,366,24½

<b>3. Trust funds and deposits,</b>		
Single Sisters' poor fund,	\$2,119 56	
"    "    sick room fund,	774 09	
Widows' House poor fund,	499 06½	
Newport congregation,	2,236 55	
American Tract Society,	208 45	
		5,837 71½
<b>4. Annuities and contingent and reserve funds.</b>		
Annuities,	\$ 1,000 00	
Mount Joy reserve fund,	500 00	
Single Sisters' House reserve fund,	34 95½	
Bethlehem Ministers' Aid Society,	1,262 48	
Litiz Liquidation account current,	2,547 97½	
General reserve,	7,032 27	
Stock account,	20,184 07	
Provincial share of Unity's fund balance,	5,609 75	
		38,171 50
Total of Liabilities,		\$237,916 19½
Total of Assets,		234,748 85
Profit and Loss Dr. Bal.		\$3,167 34½

In explanation we add the following remarks:

**1. Real Estate embraces**

a. House account, \$11,869 39½; viz: Sisters' and Widows' House, Br. Jacobson's and Br. Goepf's house, and the old house above Br. Goepf's, the cash value of which certainly would exceed its book value; as to its yearly value, this property is entirely unproductive.

b. Moravian College; its book value, \$6,629 77, is undoubtedly less than its actual cash value. \$396 are actually credited to interest account and charged to college expenses.

c. Lehigh Mountain land, \$3,035 89. A tract of land on the Lehigh Mountain, of considerable more intrinsic value than shown by its book value. As yet there is no considerable sale of wood from this tract. No interest has been charged to this account.

d. Land at Nazareth, \$4,509 46. Fifty acres of land assumed from Nazareth congregation at \$90 per acre, now for the greater part farmed by Nazareth Hall, which pays \$240 yearly rent, which is credited in our books to interest account.

e. Hopedale Parsonage, \$1,622 43, is unproductive at present, and will ever be.

**2. Debtors in account current.**

a. The arrears of interest would be much less if our accounts did not close so soon after the first of April, when most of the interest received becomes due.

Of ground-rent there were \$403 88, owing partly to the press of business making it impossible for the Treasurer to attend to their collection in time before the closing of the accounts.

\$225 are interest due by congregations.

b. Bethlehem Bookstore. \$2,556 09 is the amount of inventory in February last, from which \$461 79 of debts considered lost, and 25 per cent discount on the remaining outstanding debts, have been deducted.

c. Furniture, \$487 80½. Whether the furniture actually on hand would at a sale realize that sum in full is rather doubtful.

d. General Home Mission Board, \$298 45. To that amount that Board has over drawn itself during the last financial year.

e. The deposits in bank and cash on hand will always be large at the close of our yearly accounts; but it must be understood that our main income is about the last months of the financial year, upon which we have to live for the remainder of the year. It would hardly be advisable to make these deposits productive by temporary investments.

After a close investigation of the whole of the assets, we venture to say that any probable loss (as for instance Hopedale parsonage debt, and others) is fully counterbalanced at present by the excess of the intrinsic value of other assets over and above their book value, as for instance house account, Moravian College, Lehigh Mountain land.

But, as has already been adverted to, there is a large amount of assets which for financial purposes of necessity must be considered unproductive.

The total of assets at present amount to	\$234,478 15
It amounted June 1st, 1858, to	206,229 57½
Increase,	<u>\$28,248 57½</u>

This increase originates merely from the increase of our funds by the receipt of \$25,609 75, being the amount of our Province's share in the Unity's general funds,

#### LIABILITIES.

##### 1. Special funds.

a. The college fund of \$20,000 has been erected out of our share in the Unity's general funds; \$1,000 have been added by a donation from our brethren in Wachovia; \$630 is the amount of unappropriated interest.

b. Emmaus special fund is increasing by the sale of lots, being part of the landed property of Emmaus congregation. The yearly interest of this fund is appropriated for the use of that congregation, and half yearly paid over to its minister.

c. Of the contingent and reserve funds, \$1,900 (Theological Seminary) has been appropriated towards the purchase of the college buildings. The increase in general reserve account (\$225) is owing to a profit in the sale of Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan.

For the P. E. C.,

P. H. GOEPP, *Treasurer.*



**EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS**  
OF THE  
**PENNSYLVANIA SUSTENTATION DIACONY,**  
FROM JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, 1858, TO MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 1861.

EXPENDITURES.			RECEIPTS.		
Benefice of P. E. C.....	1859 1,900 00 1860 1,900 00 1861 1,900 00		Surplus of Interest.....	1859 1,042 11 1860 682 02 1861 1,083 24	
Other expenses of P. E. C.....	1859 266.96 1860 229 27 1861 164 20	5,700.00	House Rent.....	1859 52.95 1860 62.77 1861 636 19	3,287 47
Sustentation.....	1859 1,898 00 1860 1,841 50 1861 1,008 16	656.42	Contribution from Bethlehem.....	1859 5,175 10 1860 5,175 10 1861 5,175 00	1,909.87
Aid to Ministers.....	1859 1,447 50 1860 975.06 1861 1,100.00	5,736.66	Do. from Nazareth.....	1859 2,846 00 1860 2,986.00 1861 2,986.00	15,525.00
Education.....	1859 7,709 48 1860 6,460.28 1861 6,696.00	8,522.50	Do. from Latin Boarding School.....	1859 1,200 00 1860 1,200 00 1861 1,200 00	8,835.00
Travelling exp. of Ministers, contributions and general expenses.....	1859 1,041.82 1860 379 84 1861 440.38	20,855.66	Do. from Bethlehem Boarding School.....	1859 2,000.00 1860 2,000 00 1861 2,000.00	3,600 00
Taxes.....	1859 601.62 1860 698 81 1861 811.46	1,861.54	Haga's Legacy.....	1859 1,900 00 1860 1,200 00 1861 1,200 00	6,000.00
Repairs & Single Sisters and Widows' Houses expenses.....	1859 514 91 1860 1,770.16 1861 650 78	2,106.89	Contribution from Wachovia.....	1859 280 10 1860 280 00 1861 280 00	3,600.00
Contribution to Home Mission.....	1859 500.00 1860 500.09 1861 500 00	2,963.80	From College Fund.....	1859 750 00 1860 1,280 00 1861 910 00	699.00
Publication expenses.....	1859 737.49 1860 922 66 1861 819 57	1,500.00	Total of Receipts.....		\$46,337.28
Deficiency in Book Store.....	1859 1860 1,699.39 1861	2,459.77			
Provincial Synods.....	1859 576 02 1860 1861	1,599.39			
		576.02			
Total of expenditures.....		40,504 62			
" receipts.....		46,337 28			
Three years deficiency.....		\$3,167.37			
1858 and '59 deficiency.....		3,192 60			
1859 and '60 deficiency.....		419 67			
		3,612.27			
1860 and '61 surplus.....		444.98			
		3,167 34			

*To the Provincial Synod, to be held at Litz, May 22d, 1861:*

The advisory committee elected by the last Provincial Synod, held at Bethlehem in the year 1858, in pursuance of a resolution of said Synod, passed in the following words: "Resolved, That the advisory committee on the financial affairs of the Sustentation Diacony, investigate the condition of the accounts previously, and prepare a report to be laid before the assembled Synod," beg leave to report that the said advisory committee have carefully examined the books and securities of the said Diacony, together with the account and statement of the Treasurer, and find the same to be correct and true. A small number of bonds and securities, due by persons residing in Lancas-

ter and Lebanon counties, could not be examined, the same being in the hands of the respective agents of these counties. Your committee nevertheless feel fully convinced that the said bonds and securities will be found to correspond with the books of the Diocese.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB RICE,  
MATTHEW KRAUSE,  
FRANCIS WOLLE.

BETHLEHEM, May 17th, 1831.

On motion of Br. Schweinitz, this report was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report upon the Moravian College and Theological Seminary being called for, Br. Kampman, President of the Institution, submitted and read this report, as follows:

### REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE MORAVIAN COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

PRESENTED TO THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD HELD AT LATIZ, PA., IN 1861.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the last Provincial Synod, measures were taken by the Provincial Elders' Conference, in conjunction with the undersigned, to carry into effect the resolutions adopted by that Synod in reference to the organization of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa. A thorough repair and repainting of the building purchased for the purposes of the institution, together with the other necessary improvements required upon the premises—such as the introduction of gas and water, laying of pavements, putting up of an out-house, altering of wood-shed, and the like—caused a delay of several weeks until the formal opening of the institution could take place on the 30th of August, 1858. Meanwhile the appointment of the two regular Professors, the Brethren William C. Reichel and Lewis R. Huebner, had been made; a constitution for the government and discipline of the students adopted; a plan for the course of study in each of the three classes or departments, the theological, classical and partial course; and the five members of the Theological Seminary at Ephrata, as also the four members of the Preparands' class at Nazareth Hall, removed to the new establishment. The theological students (who had only one year more to complete their course) were James Haman, Cennick Harvey, William Bigler, Samuel Lichtenthale and Charles Shultz; the preparands (who had just got through the first year of their course) were Theophilus Zorn, Theophilus Haman, Edward Ronzheimer and Edmund Oerter. An applicant for partial course instruction (at the expense of the endowment fund), Emanuel Ricksecker, had been received. And thus, with these ten students, a beginning was made. Before the close of the first term another partial course student was admitted, the married Br. Philip F. Rommel, who wished to prepare himself for the Home Mission service. In order to meet the wants of students composing the partial class course, it was found necessary to give private lessons in addition to the regular studies of the course; and although this was cheerfully done by the Professors, yet it interfered considerably with their hours of preparation for the regular lectures of the institution. The want of at least one more Professor was soon apparent, and has continued to be felt up to the present time. The brethren of the Provincial Elders' Conference kindly lent their aid, Br. Goepf, for a time, giving instruction in German, Br. Jacobson in French, and Br. Peter Welle in Thorough Bass.

At the commencement of the second term of the first annual session, in January, 1859, a third member was added to the partial course class, in the person of Br. Joseph Romig, from Sharon, Ohio.

The regular theological class of students having finished their course at the annual close in June, 1859, four of their number received and accepted calls as Teachers in Nazareth Hall, and one (Br. Chas Shultz), after spending some time at Yale College, to perfect his knowledge of oriental languages, finally entered the Theological Seminary of our church at Gnadensfeld, in Silesia. One of the four who became teachers (Br. Wm. Bigler) has since left the Hall, and is now attending lectures at the University of Berlin, Prussia. The second annual session was opened with eleven students, a new class of preparands having been formed of the following four pupils from Nazareth Hall, viz: Henry Bechler, Reuben Oehler, Henry Bakson and Edwin Klose, and one endowment applicant, Chas. Nagel, of Brooklyn. The partial course student, Emanuel Ricksecker, felt constrained to withdraw, but two young brethren from the Southern

Province of our church, Stephen Smith and Wesley Spauld, soon after took his place, and before the close of the year 1859 two others from the same Province, Charles Henry Cooper and Herman S. Hoffman (the latter entirely at the expense of Sr. Bagge, of Salem) were added to the partial course department; so that at the commencement of the second term of the second annual session, in January, 1860, there were fifteen students in the institution, six of whom belong to the partial course division, four to the senior, and five to the junior class of regular students, as yet all preparands. In the month of March Br. Rommel left the Seminary, in pursuance of a call to become Home Missionary amongst the Germans in Providence, R. I.

The third annual session commenced on the 15th of August, 1860, with sixteen students, two new members being admitted into the class of regular students, the one, Br. Snyder Simes, of Philadelphia, as a full paying student, the other, Henry Jacobson, of Bethlehem, as a day student at first. With this session the senior class of preparands became theological students, and entered upon the studies belonging to that department. At the close of 1860 Br. Joseph Romig received an appointment as teacher in Nazareth Hall, and as no addition to the number of students has been made since his leaving, there are at present fifteen young gentlemen in our college, seven of whom are preparands (i. e. members of the junior class of regular students), four are theological students (i. e. members of the senior class of regular students), and four are partial course students, engaged, however, in the study of theological branches.

Semi-annual examinations of the various classes have been regularly held in the months of December and June, in the presence of the members of the Provincial Elders' Conference, and a number of invited guests. The expressions of satisfaction uttered upon these occasions were encouraging to myself, my fellow professors, and the students under our charge. With only one or two exceptions our students have constantly displayed an earnest desire for study, and have made corresponding improvement. As to their deportment, I can state with pleasure and thankfulness, that it has, in general, always been such as became young men having the prospect of once being called into the ministry of the church. There has, from the beginning of the college, been a decidedly religious spirit prevailing amongst the students, and for the upholding and furtherance of this spirit, I consider the introduction of partial course students (who, are, of course, spiritually awakened young men) as of the first moment. Thus far they have been a good element in our college life, and I see no reason why they should not continue to be so. Such of the students as felt courage to preach, have had opportunities to do so at the poor-house near Nazareth; whilst the holding of social prayer meetings on Saturday evenings, at the school house in Bethlehem South, and on other evenings in private dwellings, as also a weekly prayer-meeting amongst themselves, has tended to fit them practically for the future work of the ministry. Some of them have charge of a Sunday School in West Bethlehem, which was first organized by one of their number (Br. Romig). For physical exercise they not only take long walks, play ball or quoits, row boat, &c., but they also saw and split wood, help to keep the grounds in good order, and divert themselves with flower-beds.

Besides the donation of one thousand dollars from the Southern Province to the general funds of the college, there have been liberal donations made by other parties for special objects of the institution. Sr. Lucinda Bagge, of Salem, presented \$50 for our laboratory; the Bethlehem Boarding School has given us \$200 towards the purchase of books and chemicals; the Bethlehem congregation has appropriated \$250 for additions to our library and philosophical apparatus; Br. Chas. F. Seidel presented forty-four volumes of valuable books, together with five volumes formerly belonging to Br. Chas. Dober, and donated to the Theological Seminary by his late widow, Sr. Wilhelmina Dober. By these means about 300 volumes have been added to the library. These practical evidences of good will and encouragement demand and have our grateful acknowledgments.

The inmates of our college building have been favored with health, and not a single case of dangerous illness has occurred amongst us. The Lord be praised therefor!

Unanimity of thought and action in advancing what we consider necessary to the best interests of the institution, together with the most harmonious feelings of brotherly love, have characterized the intercourse of the professors with each other and with the members of the Provincial Elders' Conference in all that concerned the well-being of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary.

In conclusion, I venture to affirm that although the experiment of re-organizing our Theological Seminary, in accordance with the wishes of the last Synod, may not have altogether realized the sanguine expectations of its warmest advocates, yet it is

far from having been a failure. For my own part I can only thank the Lord for the manifold tokens of his mercy and grace vouchsafed to myself and the institution under my charge.

LEWIS F. KAMPMAN.

BETHLEHEM, May 21st, 1861.

On motion of Br. Wunderling, the report was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

Adjourned.

SUNG:—"With Thy blessing here and every where," &c.

## SECOND DAY.

Thursday, May 23, 8 A. M.

### THIRD SESSION.

SUNG:—"With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour."

Prayer and reading of 1st Cor. 4th chap., by Br. Hagen. The texts of the day read by the President.

Br. David Fahs, delegate from the congregation at York, presented his credentials and took his seat.

Br. Shultz delivered a cordial salutation from his colleague, Br. Bigler, who is prevented from attending the Synod on account of illness in his family. Br. Bigler invokes the blessing of the Lord upon the deliberations of this body.

The minutes of the first and second sessions were read, amended and approved.

Synod proceeded to the business in order. The report of the General Home Mission Board being called for, Br. Shultz, President of the same, submitted and read this report, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE GENERAL HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Board of Home Missions, in submitting its report on the important work entrusted to its charge by the last Provincial Synod, begs leave to present—

*I. Some general remarks on the real character and object of our Home Mission. II. A concise review of the actual work accomplished since the year 1858. III. A series of resolutions, subject to the acceptance and action of this Synod.*

##### I.

The high character of the Home Mission is derived from its *divine origin* and *emanation* from the Church of Christ, which is of necessity a *witness-church* in word and deed. As such it was proclaimed (in His royal order) by the great Head of the Church immediately before His ascension: "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matt. XXVIII, 18—20.) We point to these familiar words as the *sovereign order and missionary charter* of the Church of Christ throughout all time, whereby the blessed Head and King of the church constituted the latter *one great association of all the people of God for the propagation of the Gospel to every creature*. Hence the necessary inference must be drawn, that to be indeed and in truth an *apostolic and Christian church*, it must also be a *missionary church* of Jesus. But, if such be the cardinal object and high design of the *whole church*, it must be alike

the cardinal object and duty of every *part* of the church, and hence equally the duty and privilege of every true and individual *member* thereof to be "*the light and the salt of the world, and a witness unto Jesus.*" Again, we can see no ground in the Holy Scriptures, or in the fundamental principles of the Church of Christ, for making an *essential* distinction between the various portions of the great field of mission *labor*, as if one part, and the most important one, were the foreign, on heathen ground, and the rest, domestic or at home, and as such subordinate in its claims upon our aid and support. The difference is evidently merely *local* or *geographical*, and not one *essentially* differing in principle. While doing the one, we ought not to leave the other *undone*, but cultivate *both* fields as alike important, according to the Apostle's precept, Gal. VI. 10: "As we have *opportunity*, let us do good unto *all* men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

When the first foreign and home missionary association had been instituted by the first missionary from Heaven, Jesus Christ, convened on a mountain in Galilee, shortly before his ascension, with above 500 brethren assembled as members of that society, of which the eleven Apostles were the first *officers*, under the personal *presidency* of the Son of God himself—He gave them His missionary *instructions*, when enjoining "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name, among *all* nations, *beginning at Jerusalem.*" And immediately preceding his ascension into Heaven, he repeated the charge. "Ye shall be *witnesses* unto me, *both in Jerusalem and in all Judea*, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." These instructions, it is evident, were given by the master not only for a *foreign mission* field, but they embraced also, yea, *primarily*, the *home mission* ground. In obedience to these instructions, and under the guidance of His spirit, the Apostles and disciples of the primitive church went out to "be *witnesses* of Jesus unto *all* men of what they had seen and heard." And when the *pentecostal* season was allotted by the Lord unto our fathers, during the celebration of the 13th of August, 1727, and a *New Brethren's* Congregation was born of the Holy Spirit, and the individual members were fused into *one* living body in Christ their Head, the *witness-spirit* was a *necessary* fruit of this outpouring of the Holy Ghost. The natural result was, that the sacred duty and precious privilege of being a mission and witness-bearing church of Jesus was recognized and acted up to by those who had *learned to love*—Jesus in His brethren, and in all whom He had redeemed with His precious blood. But our Fathers at Herrnhut did not confine their labors of love exclusively to the *foreign* mission regions on heathen ground; on the contrary, *before* the first heralds of the Cross set out for the West Indies in the year 1732, other brethren at Herrnhut had gone forth to bear witness of Jesus in their immediate environs and throughout their *own* land and other countries in Europe. And these home-efforts were, and still are, continued to the present day, and have been most signally blessed by the Lord unto tens of thousands, "*dispersed*" among the great body of nominal Christians on the continent of Europe, in the so-called *Diaspora* work of our Church. Owing to different political and ecclesiastical relations, the manner in which our forefathers in Great Britain and North America labored among the nominal professors of Christianity, who were not members of our church, was from the beginning very different from their *Diaspora* efforts on the continent of Europe. The Preparatory Provincial Conference or Synod of 1847, at Bethlehem, acknowledged the fact that the circumstances obtaining in the United States rendered the German *Diaspora* plan of home operations almost, if not altogether, *impracticable*, and urged the importance of making efforts to establish Home Mission societies and congregations in our country. It is true that the brethren in the American branch of our church had not entirely neglected to evangelize the home circles around Bethlehem, Nazareth and Litiz, in Pennsylvania, and Salem, in North Carolina. In the first period of their arrival in Pennsylvania, we cannot fail to be struck with the zeal and devotion with which Spangenberg and other men of God labored in preaching the Gospel among the numerous sects of religionists, especially in the eastern counties of Pennsylvania, by which they provoked their fellow-brethren of the Lutheran and German Reformed churches to enter the field pre-occupied by the Moravians, and to organize numerous churches after our brethren had broken up the fallow ground and sown the seeds of God's word broadcast throughout the land. But subsequently the brethren did not continue the home enterprise with the zeal and in such a systematic and persistent course of labor as they displayed in the Foreign Mission and the European *Diaspora* fields. Hence the significant result, that only a few Moravian churches were formed in the last fifty years, at Camden, Hopevale, Canal Dover, Hope and West Salem in the North, and two or three in the South (Mount Airy, Phila., Macedonia). The brethren had not altogether "*laid up their pound in a napkin,*" but they had not engaged in an enlarged and united plan of home operations, based upon principles different from those of the European *Diaspora*. The

object of our American Home Mission is a *two-fold* one. *First* and *paramount* to all other considerations, to spread the blessings of the Gospel, and *to win souls for Christ's kingdom, wherever He opens a door, and secondly—to organize congregations in full communion with the Moravian church*, not actuated by an unholy *proselyting* spirit, but in the holy spirit of love to Jesus, and with a view to the extension of our beloved Zion. We deem it of vital importance to recognize this *two-fold* object of our Home Mission, as expressed in Resolution I, and heretofore sanctioned by the four last Provincial Synods of our branch of the church. When our newly contemplated Home Mission enterprise was presented to the consideration of the General Synod of the year 1848, it was almost enthusiastically responded to (113 of the Resolutions) and its great importance unanimously acknowledged, as was also done by the last General Synod of 1857.

Thus encouraged, the Home Mission was sustained by the legislative action of our four last Provincial Synods. A new organization of the superintending board was made by the Provincial Synod of 1855, by creating a General or *Central Home Mission Board*, including the members of the P. E. C., as the *supreme executive* in the Home Mission department. This Board was continued in office by the last Provincial Synod of 1858, although the Committee on Home Missions, appointed by this Synod, had then already felt the cogency of the reasons assigned in favor of entrusting the supreme management of the Home Mission department to the same body that superintends the older churches of our Province. In order to give unity of action on the part of our Executive Board (the P. E. C.), and to perfect and harmonize the ecclesiastical arrangements of our Home Missionaries and Churches, our Board, after mature deliberations on this subject, has arrived at a similar conclusion, subject to one condition, however. [v. Resolution I.] In consequence of the cheering extension of the home field, and the signal blessings vouchsafed by the Lord upon this glorious work, several great *desiderata* or *wants* have been often and most painfully felt by our Board, arising principally from the want of *suitable means* and *instrumentalities*. The financial condition of our Sustentation fund, present and future, appeared, at one time especially, to be in so critical a state as to induce the members of the Board carefully to weigh the question, whether we should continue to carry on the Home Mission work beyond its present limits, lest a further extension, and a correspondent *increase* of missionaries, at the *same* rate of increase, as had obtained in the past ten years, might lead to a consumption of our Sustentation, or even a speedy extinction of our branch of the church! But after earnest deliberations, the Board decided not to *stop*, or even *lock*, the wheels of our Home Mission chariot, but in reliance upon the Lord's aid and guidance to *go on*, wherever He, by the indication of His Providence and the voice of His Spirit, would say to us, as once to Moses, in Israel's greatest straits: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they may go forward!" Ex. xiv. 15.

And, in this spirit of faith in the Lord, and in order to "*go forward*" in this most important mission work, the Board has prepared for your action several resolutions, which aim to *increase* the material funds of our Sustentation. [v. Resolutions.]

The Board having closed its official course, returns into your hands the future charge of the great and holy interests of the Home Mission cause, and cherishes the confident expectation that you will at your very earliest convenience proceed prayerfully to legislate on this subject, and determine it before the Lord as one of vital importance to many precious souls in the destitute regions of our land, and of paramount importance to the character of our branch of the Brethren's Unity, as a *missionary* and *witness church* of Jesus. It is, in our opinion, emphatically *the most important work entrusted to us by the Lord*, and in reference to our part of the church, a question *to be or not to be, of life or death*. The Home Mission work seems to be given in charge to our American Moravian church, as it were, in lieu of our not being able or willing to carry on the Foreign Mission work.

We would fondly cling to the hope that our section of the Unitas Fratrum has still a mission to perform, and especially in our own beloved land, teeming with elements of good and evil! Let us then, "*discerning the signs of the times*," and not "*hiding our talent in the earth*," continue more vigorously and prayerfully to carry on the mission at home and abroad, unfurling the standard of the Cross, and with an eye single to the glory of Jesus, proclaim the glad tidings of salvation. Let us *follow*, since we have permitted several of our sister-tribes in Israel to *outstrip* us in this glorious enterprise, as there "*remaineth yet much land to be possessed*," and to be gained for our Emmanuel! Let us remember that unspeakably great will be our loss, and great our accountability, if we neglect or refuse to enter in while praying, every Sabbath: "Give to thy people open doors to preach the Gospel."

If the fact must be conceded, that our Sustentation fund is already overburdened,

measures should doubtless be adopted for preventing a further depletion of its funds, and to enable it to "gather up the crumbs" and increase its means. But we would deprecate all action, which might conflict with the spirit of *Christ's* church, and the cheering evidences which the blessed Head of the church has been pleased to give, in favor of the Home work.

Review it from its feeble birth, as the youngest offspring of our church. Eleven years ago, does not a voice from on high ask: "Has the Lord despised the day of small things?" And will not we gladly reply, with heartfelt thankfulness: "What hath the Lord wrought?" Look at the Home Mission stations and flocks in the East and West and North! Count the thousand souls brought under the saving influences of God's holy word and sacraments! And even if "strange materials" and a "mixed multitude" are found in our Home Missions, as elsewhere, yet we have reason to believe that Moravian congregations have been formed in several places, inferior in spirituality and love of our Zion to none in our older churches. But, above all, let us rejoice that souls have been won for *Jesus*, and last, not least, that within the 3 last years, precious seasons of grace have been vouchsafed to several of our Home Mission churches, (Ebenezer, Ephraim and Utica.) Verily, these blessed results, by which the Lord has set, as it were, the seal of approbation on the Home instrumentality, should encourage us to go on more vigorously than ever, in the name of the Lord, and animated by the example of our fathers, and brethren of yore, for whom the Lord provided all needful supplies, because they were faithful, if even not always wise stewards, who with wondrous and simple minded faith occupied and even gained ten pounds with that little pound, loaned to them by the Master. And is the Lord's hand shortened, that he cannot help as of old? Is not *Jesus* the same, yesterday, to-day and forever? Is he not still Jehovah-Jirah as there on the Mount of sacrifice? Does he not still say, as in the days of Zonpath's widow: "The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail?" May we not justly apply these cheering promises to the church of God at the present time, and also to our own beloved Zion, with special reference to her latest and best enterprise, the Home Mission? Let us then meet the divine Providence by an active providence of our own, and avoiding both the extreme of fearfulness, on account of the want of pecuniary resources, and the opposite one of rashness, leading to a disregard of obvious prudential considerations, let us observe the golden mean, and "go on" and forward, wherever the Lord commands.

But we want also for the successful prosecution of our H. M. work, devoted, self-denying men of God, who can, from their own personal experience, testify to others, that the love of Christ passeth knowledge; and above all, we want throughout our churches, the spirit of grace and prayer, to call down upon us the witness spirit, who once rested so signally upon our church. Let us call upon all the true members of our Zion to come to the help of the Lord and perishing souls, by uniting in fervent and effectual prayer, since Christ himself commanded his disciples to make use of this all-prevailing weapon. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers in the harvest." Men are the appointed instruments for promoting the Redeemer's kingdom; but they must be men of a peculiar character; formed, prepared and qualified for the work, not merely in our schools of the prophets, but by the great God of the harvest—"taught of God," the Holy Ghost having "an unction from the Holy One,"—made a "polished shaft"—hidden in the quiver of his hand! And for this, as for every other spiritual grace and blessing, "I will be inquired of, saith the Lord!" Let us then look up to the great Head of His Church and to the Holy Spirit, who once said to the church at Antioch: "Separate me Saul and Barnabas, for the work whereunto I have called them." Let us look up to our God, by earnest and persevering prayer, that he would dispose the hearts of all the members of our Zion to pity the destitute condition of the multitudes in our land, who "are now in darkness and the shadow of death," and that He would call and qualify many of our young men, especially for going forth as living witnesses of the Saviour's love to sinners, to gather in the reward promised unto Him, for the travail of His soul. For such laborers we, who know and love the salvation of God, and earnestly desire the enlargement and spiritual renovation of our church, should not hold our peace, or give Him rest, until "the wilderness and solitary places," both in the East and West and North and South of our land, be "glad for them, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose." Let the incense of prayer then arise from all our enclosures, domestic altars and closets to our Great High Priest in the temple above; who is our Advocate with the Father, (thro' whose all-prevailing intercession the prayers of believers in every part of the outer-court of the church on earth ascend with acceptance before God,) for Him the Father heareth always. Let us never cease to pray, that the Lord may renew our days as of old, and not take His Holy Spirit from us, but again pour out on us, as individuals and as churches, the spirit of grace and of

supplication. And, when in answer to our united and importunate petitions, the Lord will graciously grant unto us "a time of refreshing from His presence," a true, spiritual revival and baptism of the Holy Ghost, then the *Witness Spirit* will also descend in fullest measure upon our sons and daughters, and we shall be favored to hail with delight the return of that blissful time, when it may be truthfully said of our beloved Brethren's Unity and our American churches especially: "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it!" Then shall we vie, with all the Israel of God, to spread that glorious gospel message *at home* and abroad, which the multitude of the heavenly host were privileged to be the first to proclaim on earth, when heralding the birth of the Savior, as *missionaries* to the shepherds of Bethlehem, they sang in holy chorus: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace, good will towards men!"

## II. Statistical Review of the Home Mission Field, January 1, 1861.

NAMES OF STATIONS AND PREACHING PLACES.	When Commenced.....	Present Ministry.....	When Ordained.....	No. of Communicants.	Stated Hearers.....	S. S. Scholars.....
1. PHILADELPHIA. Palmyra, Westfield.	September, 1849.	P. H. Gapp.	Nov. 8, 1851.	13 14	26 36	25
2. GREEN BAY, Wis. Bay Settlement, New Franken, Rockland, Suamico, Peshtigo, Town Howard.	August, 1850.	J. F. Fett.	Sept. 28, 1849.	42 4	100 36	70
3. NEW YORK.	September, 1851.	P. F. Rommel.	March, 1860.	27	34	
4. EPHRAIM, Wis. Fish Creek, Fort Howard, Sturgeon Bay, Cooperstown, Michleott.	September, 1853.	A. M. Iverson.	May 6, 1860.	31	60	16
5. UWIGA, N. Y. Frankfort, Ilion.	June, 1854.	J. J. Detterer.	June 1, 1856.	85	80	26
6. PROVIDENCE, R. I.	November, 1857.	Abandoned.		54	75	12
7. NORWICH, Conn.	November, 1857.	Wm. Geyer.		41	50	13
8. LAKE MILLS, Wis. North Salem, Newville, Mauere, Milford.	January, 1856.  1860.	G. Uecke.	Oct. 31, 1858.	17 28	20 75	
9. WOOD'S PRAIRIE, Ill Texas, Gould's.	July, 1856.	Jas. Hamab.		13	60	
10. CHASKA, Minn. Haltweyer's, Ruediger's, Schwalbe's.	April, 1857.	A. C. Lehman.	Sept. 16, 1860.	19 26 11	30 30 20	24
11. HENDRICKSON, Minn. Bueghart's, Walter Cross Road.	October, 1860.	M. A. Erdman.	Oct. 25, 1857.	14	30	26
12. OLNEY, Ill. Fox Prairie.	July, 1856.	H. T. Bachman.	Oct. 21, 1860.	23	40	100
13. EGG HARBOR CITY, N. J.	April, 1859.	J. C. Israel.	May 6, 1859.	60	55	82
14. NEW HAVEN.	December, 1859.	O. Bentel.	July 6, 1856.	44	28	85

From the above table it appears that the whole number of *communicants* at our different Home Mission stations is 566.

The number of *stated* hearers is about 1500, allowing twenty for each of the preaching places not reported. The number of Sunday School scholars 373.

The aggregate expense of sustaining the Home Mission work in its present extent is about \$4,500 per annum. Of this amount there were raised in the past year about \$2,500 by the different Home Mission societies of the church, and about \$2,000 on the Home Mission grounds.

The first amount includes the \$500 contributions from the Sustentation fund, but neither amounts embrace the money raised for church building purposes or other extraordinary expenses.



*Memoranda of Changes in the Home Mission Field since the meeting of the Provincial Synod of 1858.*

In the month of March, 1858, Br. Praeger accepted of an appointment to Hope-dale, Penna., and Br. Pinckert, of the latter place, accepted a call to fill the vacancy occasioned by Br. Praeger's removal.

Br. M. Hauser, in the decline of his health, finding it necessary to resign his charge of the Wood's Prairie Mission, Br. Joel Rothrock, of West Salem, took his place in June, 1858, and continued to minister to the wants of the people until the appointment of Br. Jas. Haman, in the month of June, 1860.

Br. Israel, heretofore laboring in the vicinity of Nazareth, Pa., received an appointment to Egg Harbor City, N. J. He was ordained March 6, 1858, and in the following month he commenced his labors in this new field. The Mission Church was organized by the reception of 90 adults, August 28, 1858, by the President of the Home Mission Board. The corner-stone of a new church edifice at this place was laid Jan. 20, 1860. The consecration took place Dec. 16, 1860.

August, 1858. Br. Killian, Home Missionary at Lake Mills, took charge of several congregations at Giard, &c., Iowa, the latter not yet in connection with our church. Br. Uecke accepted, Sept., 1858, an appointment to succeed Br. Killian, at Lake Mills.

Br. Killian's name is still retained on the list of our Home Missionaries, although not at present in the actual service of our church.

In the month of Dec., 1858, an appointment to Coatesville, Ind., was tendered to Br. Bentel. He labored at this place until Dec., 1859. The experiment of establishing a full mission failing to produce any satisfactory results, this field had again to be abandoned, as the Board had at that time no other missionary for New Haven than Br. Bentel. Here the prospects for re-occupying the field seemed so inviting, as to constrain the Board to give up Coatesville. Br. Bentel has been laboring with success at New Haven, Conn., since his removal from Coatesville.

In June, 1859, Br. H. Brickenstein, of Nazareth Hall, accepted a call to Olney, to fill the vacancy there, so long a matter of the most anxious solicitude to the Board. Br. Brickenstein's services being required in another part of the church by the P. E. C., he was removed in November, 1860, and Br. H. T. Bachman, of Nazareth Hall, appointed in his place.

Br. Rau, formerly laboring at Providence, R. I., has been released from further service in the church as one of our missionaries. Br. Rommel was sent to Providence in April, 1860, in the hope of reviving the almost extinct work there. In December of the same year this field was abandoned. Br. Rommel has taken the charge of the mission work of New York, as successor of A. Pinkert, who was removed from the service and excluded from the membership of our church.

A new appointment was made in Minnesota in September, 1860. Br. A. C. Lehman, heretofore assistant missionary to Br. Fett at Greenbay and environs, was called into full service. He took Br. Erdman's place at Chaska, the latter having accepted the charge of the field in and around Henderson, Minn. The new church at Chaska was consecrated July 22, 1860.

Br. Guenther, who had been laboring for a number of years in Newark as a minister of the German Presbyterian Church, but heretofore retaining his relation as a Moravian minister and home missionary, has now, by and with the consent of the Board, connected himself with the Presbytery of said church at Newark.

A new and interesting field for home mission operations was recently brought to the notice of the Board, at Milwaukee, Wis. The subject lies over for further action, the Brn. Kaltenbrunn and Uecke having been requested by the Board to examine the premises and report to the authorities of the church at or after this Provincial Synod.

### III.

*Resolutions suggested by the Home Mission Board.*

1. *Resolved*, That the great object of our Moravian Home Mission is, to spread the gospel, and above all, to win souls for Jesus, wherever he opens the door in our country for our efforts, and to form societies and congregations in full communion with the Moravian Church.

2. *Resolved*, That resolutions 2, 3 and 4 of the Resolutions of the Provincial Synod of 1858, creating a Home Mission Board, be repealed, and that the entire management of our Home Missions, including the appointment of Home Missionaries, and the expenditure and control of all funds appropriated in aid of the Home Mission cause by the

church, or contributed by societies or individuals for general Home Mission purposes, *be vested in the P. E. C., PROVIDED always that the present number of the members of the P. E. C. be increased*—the Synod looking with confidence to all the members of our church and to our different Home Mission Societies, *to co-operate with the P. E. C. in aiding and carrying forward our Home Mission work.*

3. *Resolved*, That any number of persons, being under the care of a Home Missionary, appointed by the P. E. C., may with the consent of that body, and under such rules and regulations as P. E. C. shall prescribe, organize themselves into a Home Mission congregation, the full communicant members of which shall be considered individually full members of the Moravian Church; but no Home Mission congregation *as such*, or as a body, shall have the right or privilege of *synodical representation*, nor shall its minister or laborer have a vote in any Provincial Synod, in that capacity, but be merely an advisory member of the same.

4. *Resolved*, That when such Home Mission congregations shall have been completely organized, and its members fully instructed and indoctrinated in the views and principles of our church, said Home Mission congregation may be constituted a regular Moravian or Brethren's Church, in accordance with the rules and provisions laid down by the Provincial Synod; but no Home Mission congregation shall be constituted and admitted as a regular Moravian or Brethren's Church, unless by a resolution of the Provincial Synod, and unless such Home Mission congregation shall be fully able and willing to provide for the support of its minister, and the necessities of its church establishment, without any fixed or regular aid out of the general funds of the church.

5. *Resolved*, That no person shall be employed as a missionary, minister or laborer in any of our churches, unless P. E. C. shall have been fully satisfied with his qualifications for such office, including an acquaintance with the doctrine, history, principles and discipline of the Brethren's Church, and unless he shall have been a member of the same, either in this country or elsewhere, for at least *one* year preceding his appointment.

6. *Resolved*, That no Home Missionary, minister or laborer in any of our congregations or churches, who has not been regularly educated for the ministry in the educational institutions of our church, either in this country or in Europe, shall be entitled to any sustentational or educational privileges, or to a vote at the Provincial Synods, unless after a faithful service of *six* years' duration, to be computed from the day of his ordination; nor shall either he or his family, in case of death or resignation or removal from office, *prior* to the expiration of said term, have claims upon the general funds of the church.

7. *Resolved*, That no children of any Home Missionary, minister or laborer, that were born prior to their father having entered into the services of our church, shall be entitled to educational privileges.

8. *Resolved*, That all churches and meeting-houses in any of our congregations shall be erected exclusively from the proceeds of their own church funds, or collections taken up elsewhere. P. E. C. shall have no power or authority either to donate or advance any money from the general funds of the church for that purpose, or to loan any of the above money to any of our congregations or churches, unless on unexceptionable security.

9. *Resolved*, That the amount to be contributed by the P. E. C. for the support of any Home Missionary shall not exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars in any one year.

10. *Resolved*, That no Home Mission Society shall begin a mission or station unless authorized to do so by P. E. C.; and in commencing a new or continuing an old mission, said society shall provide for all the financial necessities of the same, including the adequate support of the Home Missionary and his travelling expenses.

11. *Resolved*, That in the appointment by the P. E. C. of Home Missionaries to such stations or congregations as are under the care of a Home Mission Society, the same rules shall obtain as in the appointment of ministers or laborers generally. The Board of such Home Mission Societies shall have the right of *veto*, but not of *nomination* in the appointment of their Home Missionary or Missionaries.

12. *Resolved*, That whenever a Home Missionary Society is unable to continue the support of any Home Mission congregations under its charge, P. E. C. shall not be bound either to continue the mission, or to provide for the support of its minister, unless he be otherwise entitled to that support.

13. *Resolved*, That whenever a Home Missionary Society shall have undertaken to raise and provide the means necessary for the support of one or more Home Missionaries in the field, this society shall then have the entire disposal of the means collected for this purpose; but no society shall have the right to interfere with the management or

superintendence of the spiritual concerns of the Home Mission stations or congregations under its care, the rights of superintending all spiritual or internal affairs, as well as the appointment and oversight of all laborers and servants of the province being synodically exclusively vested in the P. E. C.

14. *Resolved*, That the P. E. C. shall report to every Provincial Synod the names of all those Home Missionaries who, in accordance with Res. 6, have become or are entitled to sustentational, educational or Synodical privileges.

15. *Resolved*, That the holy sacraments and rite of confirmation are *in general* to be administered only to members of our church or to those who are candidates for membership. Exceptions to this rule may, however, be granted by the P. E. C. in reference to the *stated hearers and regular contributors* on those Home Mission stations where the mission has not yet been *fully organized*, or is not yet a *self-sustaining* one. In general the rule shall obtain in all our Home Mission churches, *that all who are confirmed or received by baptism as adults, are thereby received as full communicant members into the Moravian church.*

16. *Resolved*, That the general rule shall obtain, that all *applicants for church-bership shall be received in a public service as members of our church*, after a careful probation of at least *six months*, after having received a preparatory course of instruction in the history, principles and discipline of our church, by the Home Missionary, all *exceptionable* cases to be decided upon by P. E. C.

17. *Resolved*, That whenever P. E. C. shall have become fully satisfied, after a reasonable period of time, that there is no prospect whatever of establishing a Moravian church at a Home Mission station, *they shall remove or appoint their missionary elsewhere to a more promising field of labor.*

18. *Resolved*, That the P. E. C. are requested to revise the instructions to our Home Missionaries and the rules and discipline of the Home Mission churches, in unison with our synodical enactments, and to publish them in the form of a *Home Mission Manual*, both in the *German and English languages.*

19. *Resolved*, That the brethren *J. F. Fett, M. A. Iverson, P. H. Gapp, and J. Praeger* having served six years or longer, and in the unanimous opinion of the Board approved themselves as faithful ministers of Christ and the Brethren's Church; are entitled to the privileges specified in Resolution 16, on this subject, of the Provincial Synod of 1858, v. Journal, p. 83.

### *Appendix to the above Resolutions.*

In view of the insufficiency of our Sustentation Fund to meet the prospective expenses of a vigorous prosecution of the Home Mission work, an additional series of resolutions were adopted by the Board as suggestions to be submitted to the Provincial Synod at Litiz, the same to be subjoined to the above Resolutions.

### *Minutes of the Board, May 11, 1861.*

1. *Resolved*, The sum of *Five Hundred Dollars over and above the present yearly appropriation of \$500* (see p. 110 of Journal of the Provincial Synod of 1858) for Home Mission purposes shall be annually appropriated and laid aside out of the yearly income of the Sustentation Diacony, for the purpose of *creating a Sustentation Fund*, which fund, together with *compound* interest at the rate of 6 per cent, per annum, shall be kept intact, and accumulating for the term of six years from the 1st of June, 1861.

2. Every communicant member of full age in every church or congregation in our branch of the church shall pay an annual contribution of at least fifty cents towards the general fund of our church, and every minister shall on or before the 31st of January in each and every year pay over to the Treasurer of the Sustentation Diacony the amount of the contributions received under this rule, and he shall at the same time furnish the P. E. C. with a correct list of all the communicant members of full age in his congregation, which list shall be certified by at least two members of the church committee or Board of Elders.

3. No son or daughter of our ministers, laborers or servants of our church shall hereafter be entitled to the privilege of more than *three years'* gratuitous education in any of our educational institutions; but the children of disabled or superannuated ministers or of widows of deceased ministers, shall be entitled to the privilege of *four years'* education, as heretofore, or to a yearly commutation money of *fifty dollars* during *four* succeeding years, to begin from the *eleventh* birth-day of such children—at the option of the parents.

4. No other commutation money whatever shall hereafter be paid to any of our laborers or their widows, unless in exception cases, to be decided by the P. E. C.

5. Whenever, hereafter, a minister or laborer (with his family,) who is in active service, resides in a place where is an educational institution of the church to which he may send any of his children for instruction as day-scholars, in such case no charge shall be made to him, neither for tuition in the common or extra branches of learning, nor for books or stationery furnished to such child or children: but he shall not be entitled to the privilege of having his children *gratuitously* boarded in such institutions, unless in exceptional cases to be decided upon by the P. E. C., nor to any commutation whatever.

6. The sustentational privileges of any widow of a deceased laborer shall cease as soon as she shall marry again, but the educational privileges of her children shall continue unaltered. In behalf of the Board.

H. A. SHULTZ, *President*.

Br. Bechler moved that this Report be received, that the Resolutions and Minutes appended to it be printed, and that the same be taken up in Committee of the Whole next after the reports on the state of religion in the Province shall have been presented. Agreed to.

On motion of Br. Goepp, the report itself, exclusive of the resolutions and minutes, was referred to the committee on Home Missions.

Synod took a recess.

Synod having again assembled, Br. Lennert, delegate from this Synod to the last General Synod of the Lutheran Church, submitted and read the following report:

**Report of the Delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.**

The Synod of 1858 having adopted a resolution to the effect "of entering into fraternal correspondence with the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States," as proposed by said body, through its delegate, Rev. A. Lochman, D. D., and having "impowered P. E. C. to appoint two Brethren to attend the next General Synod as delegates from our Synod," the Brn. H. A. Shultz and myself were appointed to be present as the representatives of the Northern district of the Moravian church in America at the general Synod of the Lutheran church, convened in the city of Pittsburg in May, 1859.

Br. Shultz not being able to leave home, I was furnished with the proper credentials by P. E. C., and proceeded to Pittsburg, where I arrived Thursday the 19th of May, the day on which Synod commenced its sessions. I was very cordially received and courteously treated by said Synod, and most hospitably entertained, together with some Lutheran brethren, in the family of Mr Forsyth, a member of the Lutheran church. There were about 150 brethren assembled in council, from every State in our Union, and it gave me unfeigned pleasure to renew the acquaintance of Lutheran brethren whom I had not seen for fifteen and more years, as well as to become acquainted with so many others who were pleased to express a kindly and fraternal feeling for the Moravian church. I found among them quite a number who in Europe, their Fatherland, had had intercourse with, or knowledge of, our church. There were American, German, Norwegian, and Swedes present. I attended the sessions of Synod from Thursday noon to the following Monday evening,—presented the resolutions of our Synod bearing upon fraternal correspondence with the Synod, and assured the brethren of our Christian regard and fraternal sympathy. I was requested in public Synod to present, in an address, a narrative of the condition of our church, especially in America, and of our Home and Foreign Missionary operations, to which address the President, C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., responded most happily. Before Synod adjourned, after a week's sitting, the Revds. C. W. Schaeffer and Augustus Wedekind were appointed delegates to our present Synod, and, God-willing, the latter will make his appearance among us on Monday next, to reciprocate the courtesy, and strengthen by so doing, the good feeling already existing between the Moravian and Evangelical Lutheran church in America.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. L. LENNERT, *Delegate to Synod of Lutheran Church*.

On motion of Br. Goepp, this report was received.

The report of the Editor of the Moravian being called for, Br. Senseman, the editor, submitted and read the following report:

**Report of the Editor of the Moravian to the Provincial Synod of 1861.**

Upon the resignation of the editor of the Moravian, appointed by the Provincial Synod of 1858, Br. Edmund de Schweinitz, the undersigned, received an appointment from the P. E. C. to take his place. He entered on his duties as editor on January 1st, 1859.

As it was not convenient to continue the publication office in Philadelphia, the undersigned at first proposed to remove it to New-York, but as the price for printing in that city was found to be considerably higher than in Philadelphia, upon the suggestion of the P. E. C. it was finally removed to Bethlehem, by which change a saving, on the printing alone, of 300 dollars was secured. The distance of the publication office from the residence of the undersigned, made it impossible for the editor to superintend his work, while it was passing through the press, which added much to the perplexities inseparably connected with editorial duties. He would however, here state, that he had valuable assistants in our dear brother, Peter Wolle, and in Br. Herman Ruede, who corrected the proof-sheets, and arranged the matter for publication. He takes occasion herewith to present to them his hearty thanks for the invaluable aid which they have rendered.

By the removal of the publication office to Bethlehem, the finances of the Moravian could not make a part of the duties of the editor, and hence he will not be expected to incorporate a statement of them in this respect. They were conducted jointly by Br. Goepp, the Treasurer of the Sustentation Diacony, and Br. George W. Perkin, Agent of the Moravian Book-Store at Bethlehem.

In conclusion, after expressing his thanks to contributors and subscribers of the Moravian for their kind patience and indulgence, the undersigned, not having received his appointment from the Provincial Synod, in which the appointing power is vested, begs leave herewith to resign his office into its hands,

All which is respectfully submitted,

EDWIN T. SENSEMAN, *Editor of the Moravian.*

LITIZ, May 22, 1861.

On motion of Br. Goepp, the report was received, and referred to the committee on publications.

Br. Goepp presented the following financial statement respecting the publication of the Moravian, and respecting the Moravian Book-Store.

**BOOK STORE ACCOUNT.**

*I. Philadelphia Book Store.*

1855.	June.	To cash paid G. Perkin,	\$ 40 00
	Oct.	" " J. Held for binding,	132 50
	Nov.	" " for printing text books,	160 00
	"	" F. Jordan, a bill for freight,	4 00
	"	" cash paid Perkin,	102 46
	"	" " do.	32 00
	"	" Lilliendahl expenses,	50
	Dec.	" " do.	10 07
	"	" Held for binding Hymn Books.	228 17
1856.	Jan.	Paid P. Wolle on account of Tune Books,	105 14
	March.	" bill from Gnadau,	65 88
	"	" C. D. W. Lilliendahl,	13 89
	April.	" binding Tune Books,	31 05
	May.	For stock of books from Bethlehem old Book store,	1,342 92½
	Sept.	Paid cash on account for printing Text Books,	25 00
1857.	April.	" F. Jordan a bill for Book Store,	131 00
	"	" Lilliendahl expenses,	19 57
	"	" bill from Gnadau,	123 15
	"	" Lilliendahl expenses,	3 55
	Dec.	" Hesse in cash,	180 00
	"	" Lilliendahl expenses,	29 27
	"	Transferred to Moravian account,	5 05

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1858.	April.	Cash paid F. Jordan a bill,	85 00
	June.	By cash advanced,	50 00
	July.	" draft favor J. Jordan,	252 88
	Sept.	" " " Hesse,	167 35
	Oct.	Bill from Gnadau,	128 46
	Dec.	Paid Perkin,	100 00
	"	Amount of an order of L. H. Spence, London,	48 50
1859.	May.	Amount of indebtedness for creditors of Philad'a Book Store,	528 50
			<u>\$4,145 86½</u>

## CONTRA.

1855.	Dec.	By cash received of W. Lennert,	\$ 20 00
1857.	Jan.	" amount of an order of M. Hauser for Perkin,	16 13
	Feb.	For books sent to Mission Stations,	47 07
	Apr.	Received of Lueders, \$7; subscription to Moravian, \$5 05;	12 05
	July.	" " M. Hauser, \$3 55; do. \$2;	5 55
	"	For Synodical Resolutions,	12 00
	"	From H. Titze,	5 50
1859.	May.	For English Synodical Results,	25 20
	"	" sundry books presented to sundry persons,	23 23
	"	" " " for Ephrata,	6 75
	"	Stock on hand,	\$1,240 80
	"	Outstanding debts,	1,132 19
			<u>2,372 99</u>
Profit and loss for deficiency.			1,599 39½
			<u>\$4,145 86½</u>

## II. Bethlehem Book Store.

1859.	March.	To cash paid F. Jordan a bill for printing Text Books,	\$ 192 00
1858.	Dec.	" " Held for do.	108 00
1858.	May.	" stock from Philad'a. Book Store,	\$1,240 80
	"	" outstanding debts, (no discount)	1,132 19
			<u>2,372 99</u>
	June.	" cash paid for printing Moravian Manual,	379 00
1860.	March.	" " Lippincott for English Hymn Books,	570 58
	April.	" " do. for binding do.	169 62
	Dec.	" " do. for English Hymn Books,	453 00
	"	" " E. Reinke for paper for German Hymn Books,	161 60
1861.	March.	" English Hymn Books received from Held in sheets, to be considered as profit,	{ 76 60
	"	" Profit and loss from apparent surplus,	{ 62 70
			<u>\$4,546 09</u>

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1859.	May.	By indebtedness of Philadelphia Book Store,	\$ 528 50
	July.	" cash received of E. Schweinitz for Manuals sold,	76 50
	Oct.	" a lot of miscellanies sold,	1 00
	Nov.	" cash received of E. Schweinitz for Manuals sold,	100 84
	"	" " from Perkin,	221 66
1860.	Dec.	" " of A. Seip, through F. Schweinitz,	
		for books sold,	\$86 89
		for Manuals sold,	58 42
		for Moravian,	14 94
			<u>160 25</u>
	Nov.	" " of Perkin,	200 00
	"	" " " "	460 00
1861.	Feb.	" " of E. Reinke on account of Book Store,	11 54
	March.	" " for sundry books to several individuals,	6 71
	"	" cash payment to C. F. Seidel,	23 00

By inventory, stock on hand,		\$1,420 84
Outstanding debts,	\$1,584 94	
Deduct for bad debt, Horace Jones,	\$383 81	
"    other items,	77 98	
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	\$461 79	
25 per cent. discount on \$1,123 15,	224 63	
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	686 42	
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	\$898 52	
Perkins for cash on hand,	701 56	
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	1,600 08	
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	\$3,020 92	
Deduct creditors,	264 83	
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	2,756 09	
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	\$4,546 09	
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To new account of the inventory,		\$2,756 09
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Statement for 1859 and 1860, and part of 1861.

EXPENDITURES.

Printing in New York 4 numbers, at \$38 per number, in 1859,	\$ 153 00	
do. Bethlehem, in 1859, 48 numbers,	1,200 00	
do. do. in 1860,	1,314 00	
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		\$2,666 00
Langdon's salary in New York,		150 00
Perkin's compensation for 1859 and 1860, at \$3 per number,		302 00
Other expenses—postage, paper, freight, pre-payment of postage,		
in 1859,	\$131 98	
in 1860,	93 97	
Office expenses, as wrapping paper, &c., in 1859,	14 10	
Sundries charged by Perkin in 1859, viz:		
Balance due by Seip, \$15 08; overcharge refunded, \$14,	29 08	
Sundries charged by Perkin in 1860,	79	
Office expenses in 1860,	13 45	
Postage and paper charged by Senseman in 1859,	25 50	
Travelling expenses do. do. in 1859,	6 24	
Sundries charged by Senseman in 1859,	11 76	
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		326 61
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Total of expenses in 1859 and 1860,		\$3,454 61
Subscriptions—Through E. Senseman in 1859 and 1860 in part,	\$189 43	
do. Perkin in 1859,	732 32	
do. do. in 1860,	668 86	
do. P. H. Goepf in 1860,	35 00	
Sundry receipts credited by Senseman,	40 69	
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		1,666 30
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Deficiency in 1859 and 1860,		\$1,788 31
Receipts in 1861 through Perkin:		
Subscription in 1861, through Perkin, to Feb. 28,	\$268 89	
Contra, paid postage \$24 21, mailing index \$1 00,	25 21	
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		243 68
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Deficiency up to Feb. 28, 1861,		\$1,544 63
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REMARKS ON BOOK STORE.

The apparent surplus of Bethlehem Book Store since the fall of 1858,	\$ 62 70
amounted to	
But to this amount add,	

1. Payment made to E. E. Reinke, for paper for German Hymn Books, these Hymn Books not being yet finished,	161 60
2. The loss on H. Jones' debt, which was incurred by Philadelphia Bookstore,	383 81
3. The discount on outstanding debts, Bethlehem Book Store having assumed the outstanding debts of the Philadelphia Book Store, <i>without</i> discount,	224 63
<b>The surplus would then amount to</b>	<b>\$832 74</b>

On the other hand it might be questionable whether the \$701 56 in Perkin's hands (of which, however, \$200 have since been paid) may be considered perfectly good.

On motion of Br. S. Wolle, these statements were received, and referred to the Committee on Publications.

Br. Wunderling, Editor of the *Brueder-Blatt*, being called upon for a Report, stated that he had none to present.

The reading of the Reports having been concluded, the President announced the names of the Standing Committees, as follows :

*Education.*—Lewis Kampman, Edmund de Schweinitz, Edward H. Reichel, Sylvester Wolle, Julius Bechler, Ph. Cregar, Edward Kluge.

*Finance.*—Ph. H. Goepp, Matth. Krause, Augustus Luckenbach, Lawrence Cortleyou, Jacob B. Tshudy, George K. Reed, G. Andrew Kern.

*Home Mission.*—Henry Shultz, Sylvester Wolle, William Leibert, Martin Houser, Theophilus Wunderling, Amadeus Reinke, Lawrence Oerter.

*State of Religion.*—William Lennert, Herman Titze, H. G. Bachman, J. Regenass, Eugene Greider, Clement Reinke, John Graeff, Martin Hauser, F. F. Hagen.

*Publications.*—Edmund de Schweinitz, Edwin Senseman, Edwin Reinke, Theophilus Wunderling, Nathaniel S. Wolle, Joseph Kummer, H. G. Clauder.

*Special Committee (on discipline.)*—Peter Wolle, F. F. Hagen, Eugene Leibert, Jacob Gernand, Ferdinand Helwig, Herman Brickenstein, Jonathan Romig, Philip Cregar, David Fahs.

The next business in order being memorials or communications from congregations or individuals, together with resolutions prepared by members of the Synod, the President called for the same.

*Bethlehem.*—Br. Shultz presented and read a Memorial from the Sons of Temperance, at Bethlehem; also a Memorial, upon the subject of Temperance, from members of the Moravian Church at Bethlehem.

On motion the memorials were received, and referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

Br. Shultz presented and read a Memorial from the Board of Elders of the Moravian Church, at Bethlehem, involving a question of discipline.

On motion the memorial was received and ordered to lie over for the present.

*Brooklyn.*—No communication.

*Camden.*—No communication.

*Canal Dover.*—No communication.

*Emmaus.*—No communication.

*Gnadenhuetten.*—Br. Helwig presented a memorial, signed by 66 communicant members of the congregation, respecting the Rule laid down by the Synod of 1858, upon the subject of females taking



part in mixed prayer meetings, requesting that this Synod may so modify the rule, as to permit females to pray audibly in mixed prayer meetings, held in private houses.

On motion of Br. Schweinitz, the memorial was received, and ordered to lie over for the present.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

SUNG : "Laß meine Seele Schritt vor Schritt" &c.

#### FOURTH SESSION.

Thursday, May 23, 2 P. M.

SUNG : "Lehr uns wandeln, wie Du wandelst", &c.

Prayer by Br. Goepp.

Synod proceeded to the business in order.

*Fry's Valley*.—Br. C. Reinke presented the following petition : "The congregation of Fry's Valley, hitherto affiliated to that of Gnadenhuetten, herewith requests the right of special representation in the Provincial Synod to be granted it."

C. L. REINKE, *Pastor*.

On motion this petition was received, and ordered to lie over for the present.

*Graceham*.—No communication.

*Hope*.—Br. Houser presented and read a memorial from the congregation at Hope, in council assembled, respecting the re-payment of the sum of \$2000 loaned that congregation, by the Synod of 1858.

On motion of Br. Tschudy, this memorial was received, and referred to the committee on Finance.

*Hopedale*.—No communication.

*Lancaster*.—No communication.

*Lebanon*.—No communication.

*Litiz*.—No communication.

*Nazareth*.—Br. Wunderling presented a memorial from the H. M. congregation at Egg Harbour city, which congregation is supported by the Nazareth H. M. society.

On motion of Br. Goepp, this memorial was received and referred to the committee on Finance.

*New-York*.—No communication.

*Philadelphia*.—Br. Cregar presented and read a memorial, from the congregation at Philadelphia, respecting the Moravian, and respecting the publication of a Moravian S. S. Hymn-book.

On motion this memorial was received, and referred to the committee on publications.

*Sharon*.—No communication.

*Schoeneck*.—No communication.

*Staten Island*.—No communication.

*West Salem, (English)*.—No communication.

*West Salem, (German)*.—No communication.

*York*.—No communication.

Br. Goepp offered the following resolutions :

*"Resolved,* That three members of the P. E. C. be elected as heretofore by the Provincial Synod. They shall have the power to organize by electing a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, out of their own number.

*"Resolved,* That the two ministers or laborers in actual service, in the congregation of Bethlehem, be assistant members of the P. E. C.—but without additional salary—with full privilege to vote on all questions, except those of organization. The two assistant members or either of them, may, when occasion requires, be removed by the P. E. C., and others appointed in their place as ministers or laborers in the Bethlehem congregation, subject however to the provisions of the charter of the Bethlehem congregation, or to any other rules of the church. Such brethren when appointed as aforesaid, to be members of the P. E. C., in place of those removed. Vacancies occurring amongst the three members elect, to be filled according to the rules laid down by the Provincial Synod."

Br. Schweinitz moved that these resolutions be received, printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole, to be taken up in connection with the resolutions presented by the General Home Mission Board. Agreed to.

Br. Brickenstein presented the following resolution :

*"Resolved,* That in order that the great and essential principles of Christian belief may more frequently, and in consecutive order, be laid before the congregations, our Easter Morning Litany, containing a beautiful and concise confession of faith, shall be read on each communion Sunday, either before the morning service, or before the communion."

On motion this resolution was received, and ordered to lie over for the present.

Br. Wunderling presented the following resolution :

*"Whereas,* the indigent and embarrassing condition of the widowed Sister Lichtenthaeler, of Nazareth, who, as the partner of our late Brother, Christian Lichtenthaeler, faithfully endeavored to serve the cause of our church, call for sympathizing aid, she not having received any support from the Sustentation Fund; therefore *Resolved,* That her case be urgently submitted to the notice of the Provincial Elders' Conference, and they be and are herewith instructed to give her such an annual contribution as they may deem just and equitable."

On motion this resolution was received, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Br. E. E. Reinke presented a memorial relating to the reimbursement of certain travelling expenses of Br. D. Z. Smith.

On motion the memorial was received, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Br. Schweinitz presented the following resolution :

*"Resolved,* That a Special committee of five be appointed by the President, one of whom shall be the pastor of the Bethlehem con-

gregation present at this Synod, and one the Treasurer of said congregation, also present at this Synod, to take into consideration the state and condition of the Provincial Archives now kept in the Moravian church-edifice at Bethlehem, and to report to Synod a plan for the arrangement and permanent preservation of the same."

On motion this resolution was taken up.

On motion this resolution was unanimously adopted.

Br. Senseman presented the following preamble and resolutions:

"WHEREAS, it being generally conceded that, in consequence of the largely increased expenditures of our Provincial Government, whereby the Sustentation Diacony is so greatly burdened, that fears are justly entertained that this important fund may, in course of time, be lost, we deem it of vital importance that the present Provincial Synod should make some permanent constitutional provisions, by which our church organization may be simplified, and the expenses thereof diminished. For this purpose we have drawn up the following resolutions, which we hereby respectfully present to the consideration of the Synod.

1. *Resolved*, That we believe the support and extension of the church should be the natural outgrowth of the spirit of piety by which it is animated, and that thereunto greater freedom of movement and ability of expansion should be afforded to the churches.

2. That, in order that this may be secured, the congregations have liberty to name to the P. E. C. the ministers who shall serve them in the Gospel, and who must therefore look to them only for support, and for the means of meeting all necessary expenses incurred in their removal, &c.

3. That the Seminary in which our young ministers are prepared for future usefulness should look mainly to the congregations, and not to the Sustentation, for its support.

4. That superannuated ministers or their widows be likewise recommended to look for aid to the congregations who have availed themselves of their strength and talents in their better years, and who have enjoyed their services in the ministration of the word and sacraments.

5. That the Sustentation be mainly used for the support of superannuated ministers and their widows, and not continue to be burdened by expenses incurred in almost all the departments of the church."

6. That the congregations be encouraged to extend their sphere of labors in such a manner and in such directions as Providence may indicate, and for which God may give them the ability; provided, however, that they shall employ only such minister or ministers of the church, as may have the approval of the P. E. C."

A motion was made to receive these resolutions and refer them to the committee on the state of religion. An amendment was offered and carried, to receive the resolutions, and let them lie over for the present.

Br. Hagen presented the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the President, to prepare an extra edition of our english Hymn-book and Tune-book, in a smaller form, with leave to omit such hymns and tunes as are obselete and unavailable, and to admit such other tunes as are in more general use, among the various communities, in which we are called to labour."

On motion this resolution was received, and referred to the committee on publications.

Br. Hagen also submitted and read a memorial of his, own on the state of religion in the Province. Memorial received.

Br. Hagen moved to refer this memorial to the committee on the state of religion, and to increase this committee by the addition of two members.

Br. Goepp called for a division of the question. Division ordered.

The reference of the memorial to the committee on the state of religion was agreed to.

The increase of this committee was agreed to.

Br. Hagen moved that Synod elect, viva voce, the two additional members. Agreed to.

Synod elected the brethren Houser and Hagen.

Br. Kampman presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee on Finance be requested to examine into the propriety of continuing the annual appropriation of Five hundred dollars to the Home Mission Board, and report whether such an appropriation is, or is not, in violation of the purposes for which the Sustentation Fund has been established."

On motion this resolution was received, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Synod took a recess.

Synod having re-assembled, the memorials and resolutions not referred to, were called up.

Br. Shultz moved that the memorial from the Board of Elders of the Bethlehem congregation be referred to the committee on the state of religion.

Br. Schweinitz moved an amendment, that it be referred to a special committee of five, which committee shall be called the committee on Discipline and Worship. Agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the resolution presented by Br. Brickenstein, in respect to the Easter Morning Litany, be referred to the same committee. Agreed to.

Br. Latimer moved that the memorial from the communicant members of the Gnadenhuetten congregation, be referred to the same committee. Agreed to.

Br. Bechler moved that the resolutions presented by Br. Senseman, be referred to the Committee of the Whole, and considered in connection with other resolutions similarly referred to. Agreed to.

Br. Hagen moved that the petition of the Fry's Valley congregation, presented by Br. C. Reinke, be taken up for immediate consideration. Agreed to.

Br. Hagen moved that the petition be granted. After a long debate, the motion was adopted.—Adjourned.

Sung.—"Blessed Jesus, all our hearts incline," &c.

### THIRD DAY.

Friday, May 24, 8 A. M.

### FIFTH SESSION.

Sung:—"O, God, my gracious God, to Thee," &c.

Prayer and reading of Ephesians, chap. 4, by Br. Schweinitz.  
The texts for the day read by the President.

Br. Lewis Esler, delegate from the congregation at Philadelphia, presented his credentials, and took his seat.

The minutes of the third and fourth sessions were read, amended and approved.

The President announced the following two committees:

*Committee on Discipline and Worship.*—H. A. Shultz, Theoph. Wunderling, Aug. Luckenbach, Martin Houser, James Baldwin.

*Committee on the Archives.*—Edm. de Schweinitz, H. A. Shultz, Matth. Krause, Peter Wolle, Edward Kluge.

The President announced that Br. Kummer had been excused from serving on the committee on publications, and that Br. Keller had been appointed in his place.

Br. Goepp moved to discharge the committee on the state of religion from the consideration of the memorials upon the subject of temperance and to refer these memorials to the committee on discipline and worship. Agreed to.

Br. Hagen moved that another member be added to the committee on the state of religion, and that Br. Lewis Esler be that member.

Br. Cregar called for a division of the question.

Br. Goepp moved to lay the whole matter upon the table. Agreed to.

On leave granted, Br. Haman presented the following resolution:

"Whereas frequent visitations to our Western congregations are very desirable and necessary, and are necessarily connected with considerable expense: And, whereas, such visitations are of much too short duration when made, to enable the visitant to form a correct idea of the condition, the wants and character of our Western congregations—Therefore *Resolved*, That an active Bishop of our church reside in the West, or, in case it should at any time be deemed impossible for a Bishop to have his residence in any of our Western congregations, that one of the there stationed *ministers* be empowered by P. E. C. to make stated visitations."

Br. Schweinitz moved to receive this resolution, and refer it to the Committee of the Whole, to be considered in connection with the resolutions similarly referred. Agreed to.

Br. Cregar offered a resolution that an assistant Secretary be appointed, whose duty it shall be to read all resolutions and communications presented to the Synod.

Br. Luckenbach moved to amend this resolution by adding: "and that such Assistant Secretary shall receive no salary." Br. Cregar accepted the amendment.

A motion to lay the whole subject upon the table was lost by a tie vote.

The resolution of Br. Cregar, as amended, was then adopted.

Br. Luckenbach moved that Br. Cregar be the Assistant Secretary. Agreed to.

The President announced the next business in order to be reports upon the state of religion in the Province.

Br. Schweinitz moved that it be left to the discretion of pastors and delegates, to present their reports in writing, or orally; and that the substance of the oral reports be briefly noticed in the minutes. Agreed to.

Synod took a recess.

Synod having re-assembled, the reports upon the state of religion were presented.

*Bethlehem.*—Br. Shultz reported in writing.—Br. Krause, on behalf of the delegates, endorsed the report.—Br. Kampman did the same.

*Brooklyn.*—Br. Brickenstein reported in writing.

*Camden.*—Br. Ricksecker reported orally.

*Canal Dover.*—Br. Clauder reported orally.

*Emmaus.*—Br. Kluge reported orally.

*Fry's Valley.*—Br. C. Reinke reported orally.

Adjourned to 2, P. M.

SUNG: "Friedenskönig weil's dein Wille" &c.

## SIXTH SESSION.

Friday, May 24, 2 P. M.

SUNG: "Ich lege deine Segenshände," &c.

Prayer by Br. Wunderling.

The President announced the arrival of Br. Kaltenbrunn, from Watertown and Ebenezer, also of Br. Uecke, delegate from the same congregations. His credentials were reported correct.

The President announced that Br. Greider having resigned his place in the Committee on the State of Religion, Br. Keller had been appointed in his stead.

Synod proceeded to the business in order.

*Gnadenhuetten.*—Br. C. Reinke reported orally.—Br. Helwig endorsed the report.

*Graceham.*—Br. Bachman reported orally.—Br. Gernand endorsed the report.

*Hope.*—Br. Greider reported orally. Br. Houser reported his impressions of the congregation, gained on the occasion of his late visit to the same.

*Hopedale.*—Br. Moersch reported orally.—Br. Praeger the same.

*Nazareth.*—Br. Wunderling reported orally.—The Brn. Oerter and Kern endorsed the report.

*Lancaster.*—Br. Kummer reported orally.—Br. Keller endorsed the report.

*Lebanon.*—Br. Lennert reported in writing.

Adjourned.

SUNG: "Blessed Jesus we implore thee," &c.

## FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, May 25, 8 A. M.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

Sung: "Jesus Christ, thou leading Star," &amp;c.

Prayer and reading of Psalm 96, by Br. Kampman. The texts for the day read by the President.

Minutes of the fifth and sixth sessions read, amended and approved.

Br. Tschudy moved that the report in writing upon the state of religion in the congregation at Bethlehem, now in the hands of Br. Shultz, be given into those of the Secretary. Agreed to.

Br. Goepp moved that the reports in writing upon the state of religion in the Province, together with the substance of the oral reports, as found in the minutes, be published.

Br. Latimer moved to lay this motion on the table. Agreed to. Synod proceeded to the business in order.

*Lütz.*—Br. Schweinitz reported orally. The brethren J. B. Tschudy and N. S. Wollé endorsed the report.

*New-York.*—Br. E. E. Reinke reported in writing.

*Philadelphia.*—Br. A. A. Reinke reported in writing.—Br. C. A. Cregar the same.—Br. L. Esler orally, endorsing the reports.

*Ebenezer and Watertown.*—Br. Kaltenbrunn reported orally.—Br. Uecke endorsed the report.

*Sharon.*—Br. Walton reported in writing.—Br. Romig endorsed the report.

*Shoeneck.*—Br. Regennass reported in writing.

*Staten Island.*—Br. Senseman reported in writing.

*West Salem, (English).*—Br. Houser and Haman reported orally.

*West Salem, (German).*—Br. Titze reported in writing.

*York.*—Br. Hagen reported orally.—Br. Latimer and Fahs in writing.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. on Monday, May 27.

Sung: "Daven soll, daven soll, in der Gemeinde, &c."

## FIFTH DAY.

Monday, May 27, 9 A. M.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

Sung: "Be present with thy servants Lord," &amp;c.

Prayer and reading of Romans 12th chpt., by Br. A. A. Reinke.

Minutes of the seventh session read, amended and approved.

The President announced the business in order to be the con-

sideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the resolutions and minutes presented by the General H. M. Board, and of other cognate resolutions referred to the Committee of the Whole. He also stated that he would call a brother other than himself to preside over this committee; and designated Br. Schweinitz as that brother.

On motion Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Br. Schweinitz in the chair.

The committee having risen, reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Leave granted.

Br. Tschudy offered the following resolution:

*"Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Synod, to draw up resolutions expressive of the sense of this Synod in relation to the present unhappy state of affairs in our beloved country."*

On motion the resolution was taken up, and unanimously adopted.

On motion the Brn. J. B. Tschudy, M. Houser and J. Kummer were appointed to be that committee. Adjourned to 2 P. M.

SUNG: "Rath uns wenn wir irre gehn," &c.

## NINTH SESSION.

Monday, May 27, 2 P. M.

SUNG: "Lord, help us that we may fulfil," &c.

Prayer by Br. E. E. Reinke.

On motion of Br. Cregar, Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Br. Schweinitz in the chair.

The committee having risen, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Leave granted.

Adjourned.

SUNG: "Laß keinen unter uns träge sein," &c.

## SIXTH DAY.

Tuesday, May 28, 8 A. M.

## TENTH SESSION.

SUNG: In Thee I live and move and am," &c.

Prayer and reading of Matthew, chpt. 18, by Br. Reichel.

The texts for the day read by the President.

The Brn. J. Weiss and Augustus Wolle, delegates from the congregation at Bethlehem, presented their credentials and took their seats.

Minutes of the eighth and ninth sessions, read, amended and approved.



Br. Lennert introduced the Rev. A. C. Wedekind, delegate to this Synod from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

The President extended a fraternal welcome to the Rev. Mr. Wedekind, expressing the gratification of the Synod to have in its midst a representative from a sister church.

The Rev. Mr. Wedekind responded, presenting a cordial greeting to this Synod, from the Synod which he had the honor to represent.

Having delivered his credentials, he was, on motion of Br. Schweinitz, made an advisory member. The credentials read as follows:

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the U. S., held in the city of Pittsburg, May 23d, 1861, the Rev. A. C. Wedekind was appointed Primarius, and Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., Alternate, to represent the Synod, at the Northern Provincial Synod of the Church of the United Brethren.

M. L. STOEVER, Secretary.

GETTYSBURG, May 8, 1861.

Br. Kluge offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Synod proceed to the election of the members of the P. E. C. this afternoon, immediately after the opening of the session.

On motion of Br. Luckenbach the resolution was taken up for consideration.

Br. Tschudy moved to strike out the words "this afternoon," and insert "Thursday afternoon."

Br. Luckenbach moved, as an amendment, to strike out "this afternoon," and insert "Wednesday morning, immediately after the opening of the Synod." This amendment was adopted.

Br. Kummer asked to be excused from serving on the Special Committee appointed to draw up resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the Synod upon the state of the country. On motion he was excused, and Br. Luckenbach substituted in his place.

On motion of Br. Cregar, Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Br. Schweinitz in the chair.

The committee having risen, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Leave granted.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

SUNG: "Eaß alles was verhandelt wird" &c.

## ELEVENTH SESSION.

Tuesday, May 28, 2 P. M.

SUNG: "My song shall bless the Lord of all," &c.

Prayer by Br. Senseman.

On motion, Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Br. Schweinitz in the chair.

The committee having risen, asked leave to report certain resolutions to Synod, and also asked leave to sit again. Leave granted.

The chairman of the committee reported the following resolutions:

## RESOLUTIONS ON HOME MISSIONS.

PRESENTED TO THE SYNOD BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

1. *Resolved*, That the P. E. C. shall consist of three members as heretofore, to be elected by the Synod; that they shall have power to organize by electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer; and that the Treasurer shall be a member of the P. E. C.

2. That the great objects of our Moravian Home Mission are, to spread the Gospel, to win souls for Jesus wherever he opens the door in our country, and to form societies and congregations in full communion with the Moravian church.

3. That resolutions 2, 3, and 4 of the resolutions of the Provincial Synod of 1858, creating a Home Mission Board, be repealed, and that the entire management of our Home Missions, including the appointment of Home Missionaries, and the expenditure and control of all funds appropriated in aid of the Home Mission cause by the church, or contributed by societies or individuals for general Home Mission purposes, be vested in the P. E. C.; provided always, that the P. E. C. have the power to appoint visitors, outside of their own body, to the various Home Mission congregations.

4. That the Synod looks with confidence to all the members of our church, and to our different Home Mission Societies, to co-operate with the P. E. C., in aiding and carrying forward our Home Mission work.

5. That any number of persons, being under the care of a Home Missionary, appointed by the P. E. C., may, with the consent of that body, and under such rules and regulations as it shall prescribe, organize themselves into a Home Mission congregation, the full communicant members of which shall be considered individually full members of the Moravian church; but no Home Mission congregation, as such, shall have the right or privilege of synodical representation, nor shall its Minister have a vote in any Provincial Synod, but be merely an advisory member of the same.

6. That when such a Home Mission congregation shall have been completely organized, and its members fully instructed and indoctrinated in the views and principles of our church, said Home Mission congregation may be constituted a regular Moravian, or Brethren's church, in accordance with the rules and provisions laid down by the Provincial Synod; but no Home Mission congregation shall be constituted and admitted as a regular Moravian or Brethren's church, unless by a resolution of the Provincial Synod, and until such Home Mission congregation shall be fully able and willing to provide for the support of its minister, and the necessities of its church establishment, without any fixed or regular aid out of the general funds of the church.

7. That no person shall be employed as a Missionary or Minister in any of our churches, unless P. E. C. shall be fully satisfied with his qualifications for such office, including an acquaintance with the doctrine, principles, and discipline of the Brethren's church, and unless he shall have been a member of the same, either in this country or elsewhere, for at least one year next preceding his appointment.

8. That no Home Missionary, or Minister, who has been received from other churches, or otherwise received into the ministry upon trial for one year, shall be entitled to any sustentational or educational privileges, or to a vote in the Provincial Synod, unless after faithful service of six years' duration, to be computed from the day of his acceptance into the service of the church; nor shall either he or his family, in case of death, or resignation, or removal from office, prior to the expiration of said term, have claims upon the general funds of the church.

9. That no children of any Home Missionary, or Minister, born prior to their father having entered into the service of our church, shall be entitled to educational privileges.

10. That the P. E. C. shall have no power, or authority, either to donate or advance any money from the general funds of the church for the purpose of erecting churches and meeting houses, in any of our congregations.

11. That the amount to be contributed by the P. E. C., for the support of any Home Missionary, shall not exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars in any one year.

12. That no Home Mission Society shall begin a Mission, or Station, unless authorized to do so by P. E. C.; and in commencing a new, or continuing an old mission, said society shall provide for all the financial necessities of the same, including the adequate support of the Home Missionary and his traveling expenses.

13. That in the appointment by the P. E. C. of Home Missionaries to such stations or congregations as are under the care of a Home Mission Society, the same rules shall obtain as in the appointment of ministers generally, except that, the Board of such Home Mission Societies shall have the right of veto, but not of nomination, in the appointment of their Home Missionary or Missionaries.

14. That whenever a Home Missionary Society is unable to continue the support of any Home Mission congregation under its charge, P. E. C. shall not be bound either to continue the mission, or to provide for the support of its Minister, unless he be otherwise entitled to that support.

15. That whenever a Home Missionary Society shall have undertaken to raise and provide the means necessary for the support of one or more Missionaries in the field, this society shall then have the entire disposal of the means collected for this purpose; but no such society shall have the right to interfere with the management or superintendence of the spiritual concerns of the H. M. stations or congregations under its care, the right of superintending all spiritual affairs, as well of the appointment and oversight of all ministers of the province, being synodically vested exclusively in the P. E. C.

16. That the P. E. C. shall report to every Provincial Synod the names of all those Home Missionaries who are entitled to sustentational, educational or synodical privileges.

17. That in general the rule shall obtain in all our churches, that all who are confirmed or received by baptism as adults, are thereby received as full communicant members into the Moravian church.

18. That the general rule shall obtain, that the reception of members into our church shall take place in a public service, after they have undergone a careful probation, and have received a preparatory course of instruction in the history, principles and discipline of our church, by the minister or Home Missionary, all exceptional cases to be decided by the P. E. C.

19. That every congregation, and Home Mission station, shall be visited by a member of the P. E. C., or by another brother appointed for this service, at least once a year; provided, however, that on every occasion a collection, sufficient to cover all the expenses of the journey, be taken in the congregation which is to be visited, and paid over into the hands of the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund before such visit is made.

20. That whenever P. E. C. shall have become fully satisfied, after a reasonable period of time, that there is no prospect whatever of establishing a Moravian church at a Home Mission station, they may remove or appoint their Missionary elsewhere, to a more promising field of labor.

21. That the P. E. C. are requested to revise the instructions to our Home Missionaries and the rules and discipline of the Home Mission churches, in unison with our synodical enactments, and to publish them in the form of a *Home Mission Manual*, both in the German and English languages.

22. That the brethren *J. F. Fett, M. A. Iverson, P. H. Gapp and J. Praeger*, having served six years or longer, and in the unanimous opinion of the Board, approved themselves as faithful ministers of Christ and of the Brethren's church, are entitled to the privileges specified in *Resolution 15*, of the Provincial Synod of 1858, v. Journal p. 83.

On motion of Br. Luckenbach, these resolutions were taken up for consideration in Synod.

Br. Luckenbach moved, that the resolutions be adopted as a whole. Agreed to unanimously.

Br. N. S. Wollé moved to adjourn. Not agreed to.

On motion of Br. Cregar, Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, in order to consider the Minutes of the Gen. H. M. Board, referred to the same, Br. Schweinitz in the chair.

The committee having risen, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Br. Latimer moved to adjourn to 8 o'clock this evening. Br. Tschudy moved an amendment to adjourn to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Amendment adopted.

Adjourned.

Song: "Laß keinen unter uns träge sein," 11.

## SEVENTH DAY.

Wednesday, May 29, 8 A. M.

## TWELFTH SESSION.

Sung: "Head of thy church behold us here," &amp;c.

Prayer and reading of Acts, chpt. 6, by Br. Houser.

Minutes of the tenth and eleventh sessions read, amended and approved.

Br. Kern moved to postpone the election of the P. E. C. to Thursday morning. Ruled out of order.

Br. Luckenbach moved a call for the order of the day.

Br. Leibert (Sharon) moved to suspend the order of the day. Lost.

The call for the order of the day was sustained, viz: the election of three brethren to constitute the P. E. C.

Br. Kern offered the following: "*Resolved*, That the lot be not used at the present election of the P. E. C." Br. Cregar moved, as an amendment, to add these words: "but that two-thirds of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice." Amendment agreed to, and resolution as amended adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that the three members of the P. E. C. should be voted for on the same ticket.

The President appointed the brethren J. B. Tschudy and P. A. Cregar tellers.

Synod proceeded to the first ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*First Ballot.*—Number of votes polled, 56; necessary to a choice, 38.—Philip H. Goepp had 41 votes, Sylvester Wolle 29, J. C. Jacobsen 17, C. F. Kluge 16, F. F. Hagen 13, H. A. Shultz 12, P. Wolle 10, D. Bigler 10, Edm. de Schweinitz 8, E. T. Senseman 4, M. Houser 3, L. F. Kampman 2, A. A. Reinke 2, Wm. Lennert, 1.

Br. Goepp having the requisite number of votes was declared elected. Br. Goepp begged for time to consider, before responding. Granted.

Synod took a recess.

Synod having re-assembled, proceeded, on motion, to the second ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Second Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 56; necessary to a choice, 38.—Sylvester Wolle had 40 votes, J. C. Jacobson 16, C. F. Kluge 13, F. F. Hagen 13, Edm. de Schweinitz 7, D. Bigler 7, H. A. Shultz 6, Peter Wolle 5, E. T. Senseman 3, H. Bachman 1, L. F. Kampman 1.

Br. Syl. Wolle having the required number of votes, was declared elected. Br. Wolle desired time to consider before responding. Granted.

Synod proceeded to the third ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Third Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 56; necessary to a choice, 38.—F. F. Hagen had 17 votes, J. C. Jacobson 15, C. F. Kluge 13,

H. A. Shultz 4, E. T. Senseman 3, P. Wolle 2, D. Bigler 1, L. F. Kampman 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the fourth ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Fourth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 55; necessary to a choice, 37.—F. F. Hagen had 22 votes, J. C. Jacobson 20, C. F. Kluge 8, H. A. Shultz 2, L. F. Kampman 1, E. T. Senseman 1, P. Wolle 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the fifth ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Fifth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 55; necessary to a choice, 37.—F. F. Hagen had 28 votes, J. C. Jacobson 19, C. F. Kluge 4, H. A. Shultz 2, E. T. Senseman 1, P. Wolle 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the sixth ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Sixth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 56; necessary to a choice, 38.—F. F. Hagen had 30 votes, J. C. Jacobson 19, H. A. Shultz 3, E. T. Senseman 1, Peter Wolle 1, H. J. Titze 1, Theo. Wunderling 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the seventh ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Seventh Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 56; necessary to a choice, 38.—F. F. Hagen had 30 votes, J. C. Jacobson 20, H. A. Shultz 2, E. T. Senseman 1, H. J. Titze 1, P. Wolle 1, Theo. Wunderling 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the eighth ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Eighth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 55; necessary to a choice, 37.—F. F. Hagen had 26 votes, J. C. Jacobson 22, H. A. Shultz 3, C. F. Kluge 1, D. Bigler 1, E. T. Senseman 1, L. F. Kampman 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the ninth ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Ninth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast 55; necessary to a choice, 37.—F. F. Hagen had 28 votes, J. C. Jacobson 22, H. A. Shultz 2, E. T. Senseman 1, J. Kummer 1, blank 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election.

On motion, Synod adjourned, after singing—

“*Blieb, ach bleib, o Haupt am Kreuz.*” u. s. w.

### THIRTEENTH SESSION.

Wednesday, May 23, 2 P. M.

SUNG: “As long as Jesus Lord remains,” &c. &c.

Prayer by Br. Bachman.

Synod proceeded to the tenth ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Tenth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 55 ; necessary to a choice, 37.—F. F. Hagen had 26 votes, J. C. Jacobson 12, D. Bigler 10, Wm. Lennert 5, H. J. Titze 1, H. A. Shultz 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the eleventh ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Eleventh Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 55 ; necessary to a choice, 37.—F. F. Hagen had 24 votes, D. Bigler 18, J. C. Jacobson 6, Wm. Lennert 8, H. A. Shultz 4.

No brother having two thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the twelfth ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Twelfth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 56 ; necessary to a choice 38.—D. Bigler had 22 votes, F. F. Hagen 19, William Lennert 8, H. A. Shultz 4, J. C. Jacobson 3.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the thirteenth ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Thirteenth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 56 ; necessary to a choice, 38.—D. Bigler had 29 votes, F. F. Hagen 18, Wm. Lennert 4, H. A. Shultz 3, J. C. Jacobson 2.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election.

Br. Cregar asked leave to resign his position as assistant Secretary, and begged for leave of absence. Resignation accepted, and leave granted.

Br. Latimer was, on motion, appointed in Br. Cregar's place.

Synod then proceeded to the fourteenth ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Fourteenth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 56 ; necessary to a choice, 38.—D. Bigler had 31 votes, F. F. Hagen 17, H. A. Shultz 3, J. C. Jacobson 2, Wm. Lennert 1, H. Bachman 1, M. Houser 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the fifteenth ballot. The tellers reported the following result.

*Fifteenth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 56 ; necessary to a choice, 38.—D. Bigler had 34 votes, F. F. Hagen 17, H. A. Shultz 3, Wm. Lennert 1, J. C. Jacobson 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election.

Br. Kampman moved that the election of the third member of the P. E. C. be postponed for the present. Not agreed to.

On motion Synod proceeded to the sixteenth ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Sixteenth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 55 ; necessary to a choice, 37.—D. Bigler had 33 votes, F. F. Hagen 17, H. A. Shultz 2, Wm. Lennert 1, J. C. Jacobson 1, blank 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election, and Synod proceeded to the seventeenth ballot. The tellers reported the following result.

*Seventeenth Ballot.*—Number of votes polled, 54; necessary to a choice, 36.—D. Bigler had 29 votes, F. F. Hagen 19, H. A. Shultz 3, J. C. Jacobson 2, Wm. Lennert 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election. Synod took a recess.

Synod having re-assembled, Br. Houser moved to re-consider the resolution by which the two-third rule had been adopted in the morning session.

Br. Schweinitz moved as an amendment that Synod proceed to another ballot. Agreed to. The tellers reported the following result :

*Eighteenth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 55; necessary to a choice, 37.—F. F. Hagen had 21 votes, D. Bigler 15, H. A. Shultz 8, Wm. Lennert 7, J. C. Jacobson 2, Theo. Wunderling 2.

No brother having received two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the election of the third member of the P. E. C. be postponed till 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Not agreed to. Br. Reed moved to proceed to another ballot. Agreed to. Synod then proceeded to the nineteenth ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Nineteenth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 55; necessary to a choice, 37.—F. F. Hagen had 22 votes, Wm. Lennert 16, D. Bigler 5, H. A. Shultz 8, J. C. Jacobson 3, Theo. Wunderling 1.

No brother having two-thirds of all the votes, there was no election.

Br. Schweinitz renewed his motion to postpone the election until to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Br. Reed moved, as an amendment, that Synod proceed to another election. Agreed to. Synod then proceeded to the twentieth ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Twentieth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 54; necessary to a choice, 36.—F. F. Hagen had 23 votes, Wm. Lennert 19, H. A. Shultz 5, Theo. Wunderling 4, J. C. Jacobson 3.

No brother having two thirds of all the votes, there was no election.

Br. Latimer moved that Synod adjourn till Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock. Adjourned.

SUNG: "Herr Jesu führe mich." u. f. w.

## EIGHTH DAY.

Thursday, May 30, 8 A. M.

### FOURTEENTH SESSION.

SUNG: "Alle unsere Stunden heilige Du dir," &c.

Prayer and reading of Scripture (John's Gospel, 16 chpt.) by Br. Praeger.

Texts for the day read by the President.

Minutes of the twelfth and thirteenth sessions read, amended and approved.

Br. Goepp moved that the committee on Finance be allowed to report.

Br. Latimer moved an amendment that the Special Committee on Discipline be allowed to report.

Br. Luckenbach moved an amendment, that all the committees be called upon for their reports. Amendment to the amendment adopted.

The committee on Finance reported as follows :

#### Report of the Committee on Finance.

The committee on Finance begs leave to report:

The financial report of the P. E. Conference, which was referred to your committee, has been carefully examined as also all the several items of receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities of the Sustentation Diacony, as exhibited in the respective statements of the last financial period. There is, as it is stated in the financial report of the P. E. C., a balance of \$3,167.34½ cts, standing against profit and loss account on the books of the Sustentation Diacony. Your committee do not consider it advisable, to carry this balance over to stock account, but would prefer to have it open, to be extinguished, if possible, by more successful results of the coming financial period. To exert themselves to accomplish this end, must, under the guidance of the Lord, be the great task of the future managers of the financial concerns of the Sustentation Diacony.

The financial difficulties of the Sustentation Diacony, do not arise from any excess of liabilities over the assets, neither from losses of any considerable amount in outstanding debts, nor from the Sustentation Diacony being burdened to any extent with property of little or no intrinsic value. Your committee having carefully examined all the assets of the Diacony, have convinced themselves, that, whilst there exist a few items, which will undoubtedly prove more or less valueless, there are others, the intrinsic or cash value of which will, in all probability, at least fully counterbalance all losses, that may be apprehended on the other side. The available property of the Sustentation Diacony, over and above all liabilities of any kind, and not including the property invested in our boarding schools, amounts at the present moment to upwards of 30,000 Dollars. But this sum does not include the so-called special funds, which have been created from the proceeds of the settlements, that have been agreed upon between the congregations of Bethlehem and Nazareth and the Unity in general on the one side, and the Sustentation Diacony on the other. These funds amount in the aggregate to \$185,061.56½, the income of which sum is entirely under the control of the managers of the Sustentation Diacony. Amongst the congregations, out of whose property trust-funds have been created for the benefit of the Sustentation Diacony, the congregation at Lititz is not to be found, although the boarding school at Lititz has by that congregation been ceded to the Sustentation Diacony. Your committee consider it but just, that this apparent omission be rectified, for which purpose they beg leave to refer to one of the resolutions, which your committee has offered to the Synod in connection with their report.

It may likewise be remarked here, that the item, which appears under the head of Bethlehem Special Fund, does not embrace the whole of the property, which the Sustentation Diacony has received from the congregation at Bethlehem. When the agreement relating to the division of the property of the Bethlehem congregation was being carried out, the Sustentation Diacony was indebted to various individual creditors to the amount of about \$13,000 00. This indebtedness has in conformity with the rules of the said agreement been cancelled by means of funds received from the property of the congregation at Bethlehem. Hence it follows, that the amount of property ceded by that congregation to the Sustentation Diacony exceeds the sum of \$116,000 00.

The principal difficulty in regard to the financial condition of the Sustentation Diacony arises from the rapid increase of several items of the annual expenses and outlays. This increase amounts during the last 3 years, to no less a sum than \$13,027.55½ cents of which amount the sum of at least \$10,000 originates entirely from current expenses. Your committee entered into a thorough and minute examination of all the several items of expenses. In consequence thereof we beg leave to draw the attention of the Synod to the following items of expenses, where, in the opinion of the committee, some measures of retrenchment might and ought to be introduced.



The amount, which is annually expended for repairs and other expenses in the Single Sisters' and Widows' houses at Bethlehem, ought at least not to exceed the amount of rent received. Your committee proposes to lessen this burden by certain measures, which will be recommended to the consideration of the Synod in the annexed resolutions.

Your committee likewise proposes to diminish the expenses of publication by reducing the same to a fixed yearly appropriation, which the P. E. C. should not be authorized to transgress during the period between two intervening Synods.

It appears also necessary to your committee to lay down some regulations for a better arrangement of the Book-store affairs.

The annual appropriation towards our Home Mission work, of \$500—although in the opinion of your committee not unconstitutional, proves to be a heavy burden to the Sustentation Diacony; but your committee, in view of the urgent necessities of the Home Mission work, did not feel free to recommend for the present a repeal of the same, although they consider it absolutely necessary, that that appropriation be never exceeded, as was the case during the last financial year.

In conclusion your committee begs leave to offer the following resolutions, for the consideration of the Synod.

1. *Resolved*, That the time for the payment of the loan of \$2000 to the congregation at Hope, Indiana, be extended to three years from the date of maturity, on condition, that interest at the rate of six per cent per annum be paid therefor.

2. *Resolved*, That, whereas Br. D. Z. Smith has not been in the service of this Province, the committee cannot entertain his application.

3. *Resolved*, That the communication respecting Sister Lichtenthaeler be referred to the consideration of the P. E. C.

4. *Resolved*, That the P. E. C. be recommended to increase the revenues derived from the Single Sisters' and Widows' houses, in Bethlehem, by increasing the rents fifty per cent upon all new tenants.

5. *Resolved*, That the entire Sister's house premises be offered to the Trustees of the Bethlehem congregation for the sum of Four Thousand Dollars.

6. *Resolved*, That an annual appropriation of a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars be appropriated for publication purposes.

7. *Resolved*, That a settlement with the agent of the Book-store at Bethlehem shall be made every three months.

8. *Resolved*, That number 18 of resolutions on Home Missions, page 110 of Synodal results of 1858 be repealed.

9. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$298.45 cents advanced to the general Home Miss. Board over and above the annual appropriation, and now appearing as an indebtedness on the books of the Sustentation Diacony, be cancelled.

10. *Resolved*, That in reply to the communication from the H. M. congregation at Egg Harbour city, the Synod having been informed, that a Brother has advanced the amount of their indebtedness, about \$400, recommend the punctual payment of interest, thereby securing the permanency of the investment.

11. *Resolved*, That a Fund similar to the Bethlehem and Nazareth special funds be created, called the Litiz special fund, and that the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars be credited to the same, this being the estimated value of the Litiz Boarding School, formerly being considered the property of the Litiz congregation, and not heretofore accounted for in the books of the Sustentation Diacony.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. H. GOEPP, *Chairman*.  
ANDREW G. KERN,  
TH. AUG. LUCKENBACH,  
MATTHEW KRAUSE,  
J. B. TSHUDY,  
GEO. K. REED,  
L. H. CORTELYOU.

The report was received.

The committee on Education reported as follows :

#### **Report of the Committee on Education.**

Your Committee, although sensible of having committed to their investigation the operations of one of the most vital interests of the church, have very little to report.

The older educational institutions of the church are so well organized and conducted as to need only the commendation of your committee.

The College, with which is connected the Theological Seminary, which was instituted by the last Synod, requires more than a passing remark.

The modest language in which the report of its Principal was couched, might lead those unacquainted with its operations to suppose that it was little more than a failure, while in the estimation of your Committee it has accomplished all that its most ardent friends could reasonably expect.

We commend it to the fostering care of the whole church, and especially to that of the P. E. C., with the full confidence that it will one day hold equal rank with the best institutions of a similar character connected with other ecclesiastical organizations, and accomplish for our church what those institutions have for them.

For the furtherance of this object, we respectfully suggest the adoption of the following resolution, viz :

*Resolved*, That the Principal of the College and Theological Seminary, in conjunction with the P. E. C., be instructed to secure the occasional services of another Professor,

P. A. CREGAR, *Chairman*,  
 SYLVESTER WOLLE,  
 LEWIS F. KAMPMAN,  
 EDMUND DE SCHWEINITZ,  
 EDWARD H. REICHEL,  
 JULIUS T. BECKLER,  
 EDWARD F. KLUGE,

The report was received.

The committee on Home Mission reported progress.

The committee on the State of Religion reported as follows :

#### Report on the State of Religion.

DEAR BRETHREN. — Having been charged by you with the consideration of the State of Religion among the churches of our Province, we herewith report to you our impressions on this head.

1. We have great, unspeakably great cause to be grateful to our God and Saviour for the grace and mercy which He has vouchsafed to our Zion during the last few years. — In the report of our last Synod (1858) we find the following remarks: "Whilst some spots in our vineyard have, of late, been visited with refreshing showers of Divine grace, we trust the Lord will also accomplish his design of mercy in every portion of our Zion." This devout wish and prayer has, to a considerable extent, been granted. From various quarters, both in the East, and in the far West, most cheering accounts have been received of precious visitations of Divine grace in our churches. The spirit of grace and of supplication has of late been poured out in a peculiar manner upon our people. In almost every church of this Province, men and women have stirred themselves up to take hold of the name of the Lord; and in due time, and in His own way, He sent an answer of peace, and souls were blessed and saved. And although Satan has also bestirred himself, and endeavored to hurt and to destroy in the mountain of the Lord, as is his wont whenever the work of God is revived, a stronger than he is even now coming upon him, and will overcome him, and take from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divide his spoils.

2. It is a note-worthy fact, and one full of promise for the future of our Church, that the mind of its members is, at the present time, peculiarly impressed on the subject of that *central truth*, which underlies the true welfare of our and of every other church, and which was so well expressed and so earnestly enforced by a Moravian Synod held at Bethlehem, in the month of April 1764, to wit: "The pardon of sins is the beginning and groundwork of our brotherhood. No one should rest until he has received an inward assurance of the forgiveness of his sins. To belong to the church, and not yet to have attained to the pardon of sin, and to life and salvation, would be a most deplorable thing. It is therefore needful that this matter be inculcated very frequently and in every place." But, blessed be God, many of our people have, within the last few years, made experience of this grace, and we trust that many more are even now near to the Kingdom.

3. In this connection we would also advert to the fact that there are still those who do not seem to attach sufficient importance to the great truth aforementioned, but rest satisfied with a traditional faith; which, though attended by outward morality and much zeal for forms and usages, is still, as yet, unattended by genuine repentance, and by those other fruits of the Spirit, which always accompany true faith in Christ (Eph. V. 22-23.)

To this portion of the church, we think, the words of Paul will in some measure apply: "I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God." (Rom. V. 3.)

4. The original object of the Moravian Church, was, "to represent a living congregation, in which the Spirit of God bears the sway;" and far be it from us, to lose sight of our high and holy calling. The Lord has given us abundant encouragement in his word to seek a renewal of our days as of old; and has, moreover, in these latter days, revealed to us anew his love and power, by signs and wonders, in the happy conversion of many souls, both in our home-churches and in the mission field. And with a view to the furtherance of the great objects abovementioned, to wit, the purification and strengthening of the church, and the conversion of the world, we would offer the following recommendations:

a.) That the present membership of the Moravian church be solemnly called upon to examine themselves whether they be in the faith; and that, to this end, a pastoral-letter be addressed to our congregations.

b.) That for the increase of the body and the edifying of itself in love, and for the effectual working together in the measure of every part, the diversified gifts of individuals should be combined and called into lively exercise. To this end the original "band-meetings," composed of subdivisions of the congregations be revived, wherever practicable, in which each member present be requested to give an account of his or her religious experiences or feelings; and that, on these occasions, brethren and sisters meet apart.

c.) That our congregations, in appointing men to the office of Elders or Trustees, should conscientiously select such as have the needful gift and grace to assist the minister in his spiritual work, by prayer and exhortation—men whose minds and hearts are in the work of saving souls.

d.) That church meetings, in which our congregations, from time to time, come together in one place, in order to exhort one another, and for prayer and praise, be held wherever practicable.

e.) That the Holy Communion be administered more frequently, and, if desired, monthly; and that it be held on the first Sunday of the month, if otherwise suitable.

f.) That we consider it a cheering and blessed token for good, that in a number of our congregations, lay brethren have come forward as efficient helps to the labors of their pastor, both in private and public social prayer-meetings; and whilst we utterly condemn an uncharitable disposition to judge our brethren who do not and cannot publicly come forward and speak of the state of their hearts, we earnestly urge upon all the Apostle's command, at all proper times to be ready to give a reason of the hope that is within them, and boldly to stand up for Jesus.

g.) That we hail the blessed Union movement among Christian denominations, which has so happily resulted from the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, during the last few years, as a most auspicious and important sign of the times, and that we will join it, heart and soul.

F. F. HAGEN, *Chairman*,  
C. L. REINKE, *Secretary*,  
MARTIN HOUSER,  
HENRY C. BACHMAN,  
WM. LENNERT,  
JOHN GRAEFF,  
J. J. REGENNAS.

The report was received.

The Committee on Discipline and Worship reported as follows:

#### Report of the Committee on Discipline and Worship.

#### *A Memorial in regard to Females praying in promiscuous Assemblages in private houses.*

Your committee, to which this memorial was referred, signed by 66 communicant brethren and sisters of the Moravian church at Gnadenhuetten, Ohio, after carefully considering this petition and the important question at issue, propose to substitute the following resolutions for the recommendations and resolutions, adopted by the Provincial Synod of 1858, v. p.p. 107 and 108 of the Journal of this Synod, Appendix, let. G. § 5.

Whereas, a distinction should be recognized to exist between a private dwelling house, and the public house of worship, when all the members of the church have equal rights and privileges of divine worship, Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That in the *public* house of worship, the apostolical rule should at all times be observed: "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law." I Cor. 14; 34, 35. I Tim. 2, 12.

2. That our ministers should not encourage their people, by word or example, to act contrary to our synodal recommendations, but strive to enlighten the minds of their people by sound, scriptural teachings, to approve themselves law-abiding members of the church, in accordance with the prayer in our litany: "Purify our souls, in obeying the truth, through the spirit, unto unfeigned love of the brethren!" (1 Pet. 1, 22.)

*Whereas*, during a season of a revival of religion, it is impossible to limit the flood-tide of religious feeling under the immediate operations of the Holy Spirit, to whom alone it must be left to form the proper channels in which He will cause the holy waters to flow, therefore

3. *Resolved*, That during such a time of the effusion of the Holy Ghost, the Synod concede to our adult communicant sisters the privilege of taking part by audible prayer in social meetings, held in private houses and family circles.

4. The Provincial Synod enjoins the duty upon all the ministers, and elders of our churches, most carefully to watch over and superintend those promiscuous meetings for prayer, where females engage in the exercise of prayer, and to be careful at once to discontinue them, if they threaten to cherish an improper excitement, lest what is begun in the Spirit should end in the flesh.

5. We deem it of paramount importance most affectionately to request those brethren and sisters, who take part in such social prayer meetings as above alluded to, and those who are not in favor of them, *mutually* to abstain from all harsh and uncharitable judging of those of their brethren and sisters, who differ from them on this question, bearing in mind the injunction of the apostle: "Let brotherly love continue." Heb. 13, 1, and that declaration of our Saviour, John 13, 34 and 35, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved ye, that ye also love one another." *By this* shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

### *Two Memorials from Bethlehem in regard to Intemperance.*

Your committee submits the following resolutions in reference to the two petitions addressed to the Synod by several members of the congregation at Bethlehem, and the Order of the Sons of Temperance in that borough, who respectfully ask the "members of our Synod to use all their influence for the promotion of the cause of Temperance, and the suppression of intemperance, and the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks."

*Whereas*, The following resolution, adopted by the Provincial Synod of 1855, is still in force:

"Whereas intemperance," &c., &c., v. p. 85, Journal of 1855, and

*Whereas*, In our opinion the above resolution covers the whole ground which a Synod of our church can occupy on the subject of Temperance, therefore

*Resolved*, 1. That while our Synod cannot, consistently with the truly catholic platform of our church, take any "further and more definite action in favour of the cause of Temperance" than has already been done by the action of our General Synod of 1848 and 1857, (v. § 78, p. 117 of Synodical Results of 1857) and of our Provincial Synod of 1855 (p. 85):

We do, nevertheless, most cheerfully acknowledge the great amount of good done through the instrumentality of this association formed for the suppression of the sin of intemperance, and we most heartily bid them God speed as hand-maids of the religion of Jesus, which contains the only true panacea or radical cure of all sin.

*Resolved*, 2. That in the future organization of new churches in connection with our province, this Synod recommends to insert the following as a rule and principle of the church: That no person can be received as a member of the church, who habitually makes use of, or is engaged in, the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks to the injury of his fellow-men.

### *Memorial submitted by the Board of Elders of the Bethlehem Congregation.*

With regard to this memorial, submitted by the Board of Elders of the congregation at Bethlehem, your committee are of opinion, that there seems to be no sufficient ground for excluding the brother alluded to from the communion of the church.

*Memorial in regard to the praying of the Easter Morning Litany.*

Your committee are in favour of postponing indefinitely the carrying out of the resolution contained in this memorial. Your committee propose the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, To recommend to all ministers and churches in our Province to carry out the provisions contained in § 21 of the Results of the General Synod of 1857, v. p. 21, § 21, with special reference to the introduction of the *Thanksgiving* service after the celebration of the Holy Communion, where they have not taken place hitherto.

*Resolved*, To recommend to the brethren of the P. E. C. to cause all such brethren to be ordained Presbyters, who are engaged in the ministry of our branch of the church, and who have not yet been ordained Presbyters of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. SHULTZ, *Chairman*,  
THEO. WUNDERLING,  
MARTIN HOUSER,  
CHAS. AUG. LUCKENBACH,  
J. BALDWIN.

The report was received.

Br. Schweinitz introduced to the Synod, the Rev. T. Stork, D. D., of Baltimore, a clergyman of the Lutheran church. The President expressed his gratification at the presence of Dr. Stork.

The Special Committee on Discipline presented a majority report. A minority report was presented in the name of two members of the same committee. Majority and minority reports were received.

Synod took a recess.

Synod having re-assembled, the Committee on Publications reported as follows:

**Report of the Committee on Publications.**

The Committee on Publications, having given its earnest attention to the subjects brought under its notice, begs leave to report as follows:

I.—With regard to our church paper, the committee is of opinion that the importance of the press, in the present age of the world, cannot be overrated; that an able church paper is a prime agency for the dissemination of evangelical views, and for promoting instruction, and edification, and growth in grace. It makes the opinion of our Christian public known, and brings it to bear in the most effective manner. It upholds a healthy growth and vitality; and, especially, it fosters a distinctive church-spirit.

The committee thinks that the past history of our own church paper abundantly establishes this; and is of opinion that it is a matter of the first importance for the welfare of our church to establish our paper on a *more substantial basis*.

In view of what has been said, the committee feels that it cannot do *less* than recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the weekly publication of the "Moravian," at the present price, be continued during the current year.

2. That with the beginning of the new year, the form of the "Moravian" be altered to a folio, or 4-page sheet, with narrower columns than it now has, and that the price of subscription be raised to \$1 50; provided, that in view of the state of the money market, the P. E. C. and the editor shall deem such a change expedient at that time.

3. That in case an embarrassed condition of the Sustentation fund, arising from financial complications which may possibly grow out of the present political troubles, should be found, at the beginning of the next year, to forbid, temporarily, the enlargement of the weekly "Moravian," at an increased price, the paper, in its enlarged form, shall then be published *ever* alternate week, at \$1 25.

4. That the place where the "Moravian," in its new form, shall be published, shall be determined by the P. E. C. and the editor.

II.—With regard to the petition from Philadelphia, for a Sunday School Hymn Book, and from Br. Hagen, for a new edition of the Hymn Book, adapted to more promiscuous use, the committee thinks that it would be well if both ideas could be realized. A cheap book containing printed tunes, together with the hymns, after the manner of the "Sabbath School Bell," might be published, combining the most popular Moravian

tunes, and the most popular other tunes in common use. Nothing prevents the committee from recommending such a step but the restricted state of our finances;—in view of which, the committee thinks that the more important enterprise should take the precedence, which, undoubtedly, is our church paper, with which such great and varied interests for the cause of Christ, and especially of our church, are bound up.

III.—Mr. Perry, a bookseller in Philadelphia, whose store is at the corner of Fourth and Race streets, offers to become the agent for our publications.

IV.—With respect to the book store the committee have nothing special to report.

V.—The brethren Senseman and E. E. Reinke have informed the committee of an offer on the part of the Rev. Mr. Harriman, agent of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, in New York, to transfer to us, at cost, with our own title page, copies of the publications of the Episcopal church. He also offers to publish Moravian books on the same terms, and in the same manner. The committee thinks it proper to lay this offer, as well as the above mentioned offer of Mr. Perry, before the Synod.

VI.—The committee recommends that, as soon as practicable, an edition of the Hymn Book in pica, shall be published for the use of aged persons.

VII. The committee offers the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the publication of the "Brueder-Blatt" be, temporarily at least, discontinued at the end of the year; and that it be recommended to the subscribers to procure, as a substitute, the "Missions-Blatt," which contains much the same intelligence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND DE SCHWEINITZ, *Chairman*,

E. E. REINKE, *Secretary*,

NATH'L S. WOLLE,

H. G. CLAUDE,

ED. T. SENSEMAN,

THEOPH. WUNDERLING,

F. H. KELLER.

### Report received.

The special committee to draw up resolutions expressive of the sentiments of this Synod in view of the present state of national affairs, reported as follows:

### Report of the Committee on National Affairs.

WHEREAS, the Provincial Synod of the Moravian church of the Northern District in the United States, now assembled at Litiz, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, feels it to be just and proper, that, in common with our brethren of other religious denominations, we should express our deep interest in the present unhappy and gloomy condition of our once happy and prosperous country; inasmuch as it is a duty enjoined upon us by the Head of our church, in the commandment "to render to Cesar, the things that are Cesar's, and to God, the things that are God's;"—therefore Resolved:

1. That, while as citizens of the United States, and as members of the Moravian church, we deeply deplore the calamity of civil war in our land, we acknowledge the chastening hand of God, and humbly bow to the decrees of Him, who holds the destinies of nations in his hands.

3. That, while we acknowledge, and submit to *that Power*, we also acknowledge "*the powers that are ordained of God*" over us, and therefore declare our continued, faithful, and unabated allegiance to the government and the constitution of the United States, and of the several States of which we are citizens.

3. That in acknowledging our constitutional government, and the liberty and blessings which we have been permitted to enjoy under it, we, as members of the Moravian church, deem it our duty to extend to it, our hearty support in its efforts and measures to uphold the constitution, to maintain the integrity of these United States, and to perpetuate to ourselves and our children, the liberty and blessings of our republican institutions; so that we as a church "may continue to lead under them a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

4. That we will continue to unite in ardent prayer, that the Lord may grant unto the government of the United States, in these times of danger, His gracious counsel, and continue to be the gracious Protector of these United States, and of our national constitution; that He may defeat every evil design against us, and continue to show His tender mercy unto these United States as in days past; that He may in his tender mercy stop the effusion of human blood, and make discord and war to cease; and that to

this end He may put into the hearts of all citizens of these United States, thoughts of peace, that we may see it soon established, to the glory of His name.

5. That we will in our prayers, also remember those, who in obedience to the call of their country, have left their families and homes, and are gone forth to protect our insulted flag, and in support of our constitution and laws, that the Lord of Hosts may strengthen and uphold them, and in the hour of distress, especially in the arms of death, prove to them their only trust and consolation; and that He may comfort and dry the tears of parents, of brothers, of sisters and of friends, and protect the widows and fatherless children of those who, under His divine dispensation, sacrifice their lives in the cause of our beloved country.

J. B. TSHUDY  
MARTIN HOUSER,  
CH. AUG. LUCKENBACH.

Br. Luckenbach moved to take up this report for immediate consideration. Agreed to.

Br. Luckenbach moved that the preamble and resolutions contained in the report be adopted as a whole. Agreed to unanimously.

Br. Schweinitz moved to go into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the resolutions contained in the minutes of the Home Mission Board. Agreed to. Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Br. Schweinitz in the chair.

The committee having risen, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Leave was granted.

Br. Schweinitz moved that when Synod adjourns this afternoon, it adjourn to meet again at 8 o'clock in the evening. Agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the majority and minority reports of the Special Committee on Discipline be made the special order for the evening session, and that that session be held with closed doors. Agreed to.

On motion adjourned to 2 P. M.

Sung: "As long as Jesus Lord remains," &c.

## FIFTEENTH SESSION.

Thursday, May 30, 2 P. M.

Sung: "Be still my heart, thy anxious cares," &c.

Prayer by Br. Clauder.

On motion of Br. Schweinitz, Synod went into a Committee of the Whole, in order to finish the resolutions and proposals referred to the same, Br. Schweinitz in the chair.

The committee having risen, begged leave to report to Synod.

Leave granted. The chairman reported the following resolutions:

### Resolutions reported by the Committee of the Whole.

1. *Resolved*, That the Minister of each congregation shall, on or before the 31st of January in each and every year, furnish the P. E. C. with a correct list of all the adult communicant members of his charge, which list shall be certified by at least two members of the Committee, or Board of Elders—and that each congregation be requested to contribute annually to the general church-fund an amount of not less than fifty cents for every adult communicant member, which contribution shall be paid over by the Minister or Treasurer of each congregation to the Treasurer of the Sustentation Diacony, at the same time with the delivery of the list of members.

2. Each son or daughter of the ministers of our church shall hereafter be entitled to the privilege of four years gratuitous support and education in our educational institutions; or to a yearly commutation money of fifty dollars during four succeeding years, to begin from the eleventh birth-day of such children,—at the option of the parents.

3. Children of ministering brethren, at present at any of our educational institutions, shall remain there until the term hitherto allowed, shall have expired, under the rules hitherto applicable in such cases.

4. The sustentational privileges of any widow of a deceased minister shall cease as soon as she shall marry, but the educational privileges of her children shall continue unaltered.

Br. Schweinitz moved to take up these resolutions for consideration in Synod. Agreed to. Br. Syl. Wolle moved to consider them seriatim. Br. Schweinitz moved, as an amendment, that the resolutions just reported by the committee, be adopted as a whole. Amendment carried, and resolutions, as a whole, adopted.

Br. Reed moved to proceed to a ballot for a third member of the P. E. C. Lost.

On leave, Br. Schweinitz offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the following article be added to the Constitution of the church of the Northern American Province:

“Any proposed alteration in the Constitution, as the same is set forth in the Results of the General Synod of 1857, and in so far as alterations in the Constitution are within the power of the Provincial Synod, shall be referred to a Committee of nine, to be elected by ballot; and when this Committee shall have reported upon the proposed alteration, the same shall be read, as reported, shall be discussed in Synod, and shall then be voted upon on three several days, and shall be considered as adopted only in case, at each reading and voting, three-fourths of the members present vote in its favor.”

On motion, the resolution was received, and ordered to lie over for the present.

The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report:

#### **Report of the Committee on Home Missions.**

No particular business having been referred, your committee begs leave to report the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

*Whereas*—Our title in the church property at Coatesville, Hendricks county, Indiana, consisting of a Church building, Parsonage and several Acres of Land, is rendered very insecure, by the abandonment of this Home Mission Station, and the extinction of the Board of Trustees at said place, therefore:

*Resolved*, That we strongly recommend to the P. E. C., to take measures to secure the title to said property as soon as possible; and that they be requested to appoint Br Martin Houser, to act as their agent in the arrangement of this business.

H. A. SHULTZ, *Chairman*.

A. A. REINKF,

L. F. OERTER,

WM. LEIBERT,

SYLVESTER WOLLE.

Br. Hagen moved to take up this report for consideration.—Agreed to.

On motion of Br. Wunderling, the report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the committee was discharged.



Rev. Mr. Wedekind now addressed the Synod, giving a brief account of the condition, activity, and expansion of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and expressing the hope that the fraternal feeling existing between the Moravian Church and the church which he represented might be fostered, and a still closer union formed between them.

The President responded, thanking the Rev. Mr. Wedekind, in the name of the Synod, for the remarks which he had made, and assuring him that so far as this Synod is concerned, the feeling of fraternity and amity between the two sister churches will be continued.

Br. Lennert offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this Synod appoint the pastor of our congregation at Lancaster, as delegate to the next General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which Synod is to convene at Lancaster.

And whereas, said Synod meets biennially, and will have another session, before our Synod meets again, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the P. E. C. be empowered to appoint a brother to attend the following General Synod of said church, as a delegate from this Synod, and to furnish such delegate with proper credentials."

Br. Schweinitz moved that these resolution be received by the Synod and adopted as a whole. Agreed to unanimously.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Finance was taken up.

Br. Wunderling moved to take up the resolutions seriatim.—Agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the first resolution be adopted.

Br. Houser moved to strike out the words "6 per cent" and insert "3 per cent."

Br. Bechler moved to strike out the words "6 per cent" and insert "5 per cent." Not agreed to.

The division on Br. Houser's motion resulted in 17 yeas, 18 nays. Lost.

The original resolution was adopted.

Synod adjourned till 8 P. M.

SUNG: "Nicht einen Schritt begehre ich."

## SIXTEENTH SESSION.

Thursday, May 30, 8 P. M.

This session was held with closed doors, and was devoted to a free conversation, and sundry explanations, concerning various points of discipline and church order. The result was a most delightful flow of brotherly love, and a renewal, on the part of the brethren present, of their covenant with their Divine Head and Master, and one with another—all of which was feelingly expressed,

at the close of the session, by a mutual extension of the right hand of fellowship, during the singing of the hymn :

We who here together are assembled,  
Joining hearts and hands in one—  
Bind ourselves with love that's undissembled,  
Christ to love and serve alone.  
O, may our imperfect songs and praises  
Be well pleasing unto Thee, Lord Jesus ;  
Say, " My peace I leave with you :"  
Amen, amen, be it so.

## NINTH DAY.

Friday, May 31, 8 A. M.

### SEVENTEENTH SESSION.

SUNG : " Blessed is the tie that binds," &c.

Prayer, and reading of Scripture (Psalm 133), by Br. Hagen.  
Texts of the day read by the President.

Minutes of the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions read, amended and approved.

On motion of Br. Schweinitz, Synod proceeded to the election of a third member of the P. E. C.

The President appoint the brethren Tschudy and Latimer tellers. The tellers reported the following result :

*Twenty-first Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 51 ; necessary to a choice, 34.—F. F. Hagen had 29 votes, J. C. Jacobson 13, E. T. Senseman 3, D. Bigler 2, Wm. Lennert 2, H. A. Shultz 1, T. Wunderling 1.

No brother having received the requisite number of votes, Synod proceeded to the twenty-second ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Twenty-second Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 52 ; necessary to a choice, 35.—F. F. Hagen had 29 votes, J. C. Jacobson 16, E. T. Senseman 2, Wm. Lennert 2, D. Bigler 1, T. Wunderling 1, H. A. Shultz 1.

No brother having received the required number of votes, Synod proceeded to the twenty-third ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Twenty-third Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 52 ; necessary to a choice, 35.—F. F. Hagen had 29 votes, J. C. Jacobson 17, H. A. Shultz 3, D. Bigler 1, E. T. Senseman 1, Wm. Lennert 1.

No brother received the requisite number of votes.

Br. Houser moved that the two-third rule be abrogated, the majority rule substituted, and the election submitted to the Lot.

Br. Kampman moved, as an amendment, that the Synod proceed to another ballot. Agreed to. The tellers reported the following result :

*Twenty-fourth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 52 ; necessary to a choice, 35.—F. F. Hagen had 28 votes, J. C. Jacobson 15, H. A. Shultz 5, D. Bigler 1, E. T. Senseman 1, Wm. Lennert 1, H. Bachman 1.

No brother received the requisite number of votes.

Br. Houser moved that if in the three next ballots, no brother be elected, then the two-third rule be abrogated, the majority rule substituted, and the election submitted to the Lot.

Br. Luckenbach moved an amendment, that, if on the next ballot, a brother have a majority of the votes cast, he be declared elected, and the election be submitted to the Lot. Amendment agreed to.

Synod proceeded to the twenty-fifth ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Twenty-fifth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 52 ; necessary to a choice, 27.—F. F. Hagen had 28 votes, J. C. Jacobson 16, H. A. Shultz 5, D. Bigler 2, E. T. Senseman 1.

Br. Hagen having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

Synod took a recess.

Synod having re-assembled, Br. Leibert moved to re-consider the resolution by which the two-third rule had been abrogated, the majority rule substituted, and the decision given to submit the election to the Lot.

On this motion to re-consider, a division was called, and the motion was lost by a tie vote, ayes 23, nays 23.

From various expressions on the subject of the Lot, it appeared that the Synod could not become sufficiently unanimous to warrant the use of the Lot *by the Synod as a body* ; whereupon Br. Hagen declared his intention to ask of the late P. E. C., to which had been committed temporarily the current business of the church, *a private Lot for himself*. He furthermore added, that, if after this declaration on his part, it should be the pleasure of the Synod to proceed to a new ballot, he was perfectly satisfied, and that he would then request the late P. E. C. to submit his appointment to the Lord's decision by the Lot, whether re-elected by a two-third majority, or by a unanimous vote.

Upon this declaration it was, on motion, resolved to proceed to another ballot. The tellers reported the following result :

*Twenty-sixth Ballot.*—Number of votes cast, 50 ; necessary to a choice, 26.—F. F. Hagen had 35 votes, J. C. Jacobson 7, E. T. Senseman 2, Wm. Lennert 1, C. F. Kluge 1, blank 4.

Br. Hagen was declared elected by a two-third majority.

Br. Hagen now requested the P. E. C. to submit his election to the Lot, in the presence of the Synod.

The members of the Synod, and all others present, joined in singing :

"Thee to approach with awe, we venture," &c.

As the request of the President, Br. Schweinitz offered up a fervent prayer, after which the election was submitted to the decision of the Lot.

The Lot gave an affirmative answer, and the election of Br. Hagen, as a member of the P. E. C., was therefore confirmed.

Br. Hagen accepted the appointment, and asked the prayers of all his Brethren in his behalf.

Br. S. Wollé announced that he accepted the trust which the Synod had imposed upon him, and earnestly entreated the intercessions of his Brethren in behalf of himself and the other members of the P. E. C.

Br. Tschudy moved to adjourn till 2 P. M., and to hold an evening session, commencing as 7 o'clock. Agreed to.

SUNG : "Wir legen alle Schwierigkeit."

## EIGHTEENTH SESSION.

Friday, May 31, 2 P. M.

SUNG : "Jesus, so may we Thee obey," &c.

Prayer by Br. Tietze.

Br. Goepf announced to the Synod, that after mature deliberation he had determined to accept the appointment which the Synod had tendered him, and earnestly entreated all the brethren to intercede for him before the throne of Grace.

After singing

"Lord grant Thy servants grace, &c."

the President, in a most feeling and impressive manner, invoked the blessing of the Lord upon the three brethren elected by the Synod as members of the P. E. C., and commended them to the earnest prayers of the congregations.

Synod then joined in singing :

"Give grace that as brethren we join hands in love," &c.

Br. Schweinitz presented the report of the Committee on Archives, as follows :

### Report of the Committee on the Provincial Archives.

Your committee begs leave respectfully to report as follows :

The Trustees of the Bethlehem church have had the valuable archives belonging to the same, placed and arranged in the chapel of the Moravian church edifice at Bethlehem. This chapel appears to be more suitable than any other locality that could be found for preserving those archives also which are the property of the whole Province, and whose value is likewise very great, in a historical point of view. It should be the purpose of the several churches of the Province to contribute historical materials from their archives, in order to make the collection at Bethlehem as complete as possible, so that it may become in a still greater degree than it now is, a general receptacle for old and rare books, and for manuscripts, relating to the history of the Moravian church in the United States, and in Europe, or to ecclesiastical history in general.

Impressed with these considerations, your committee recommends the following resolutions for the adoption of the Synod :

1. *Resolved*, That the archives now at Bethlehem, belonging to the Province, be consolidated with those of the Moravian church at Bethlehem, and be intrusted to the keeping of that church.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod recommends to the several churches of the Province to transfer to the consolidated archives at Bethlehem, such papers or books now in the archives of these churches, as the same may be willing to give up.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod recommends to the Pastors and Trustees of the Bethlehem church, in conjunction with the P. E. C., to appoint an archivist.

4. *Resolved*, That any person desiring to examine the archives, or wishing to borrow books, maps or papers from the same, shall first obtain the consent of the P. E. C., and of the Pastors of the Bethlehem church.

EDMUND DE SCHWEINITZ, *Chairman*.

H. A. SHULTZ,

MATTHEW KRAUSE,

PETER WOLLE,

EDWARD J. KLUGE.

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Br. Kampman moved that this report be taken up. Agreed to.

Br. Kampman moved that it be adopted as a whole. Agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the committee be discharged. Agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz moved to take up the remaining part of the report of the Committee on Finance. Agreed to.

*Second Resolution*.—Br. Kampman moved to adopt this resolution.

Br. Hagen moved, as an amendment, that the P. E. C. be requested to recommend the petition of Br. D. Z. Smith to the kind consideration of the Mission Department. Agreed to.

*Third Resolution*.—Br. Kampman moved its adoption. Agreed to.

*Fifth Resolution*.—Br. Schweinitz moved its adoption. Agreed to.

*Fourth Resolution*.—On motion of Br. Kampman it was adopted.

*Sixth Resolution*.—Br. Schweinitz moved that the consideration of this resolution be postponed until the report of the Committee on Publications is before the Synod. Agreed to.

*Seventh Resolution* was, on motion of Br. Weiss, adopted.

*Eighth Resolution*, on motion of Br. Clauder, adopted.

*Ninth Resolution*, on motion of Br. Latimer, adopted.

*Tenth Resolution*, on motion of Br. Schweinitz, adopted.

*Eleventh Resolution*.—Br. Weiss moved its adoption. Agreed to.

Br. Goepp moved that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted as a whole. Agreed to.

Br. Goepp moved that the Committee on Finance be discharged. Agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the report of the Committee on Publications be made the special order of business for the session to be held this evening. Agreed to.

Br. Latimer moved to take up the report of the Committee on Discipline and Worship. Agreed to.

*First Resolution*.—On motion of Br. Latimer, the preamble and first resolution were adopted.

*Second Resolution*.—Br. Goepp moved its adoption. Agreed to.

*Third Resolution*.—Br. Clauder moved its adoption.

Br. Goepp moved, as an amendment, that the resolution be stricken out, the passage of 1st Timothy, chap. 2, 11-15 verses

inserted, and that the sisters of our congregations be requested to refer to this passage and read it.

Br. S. Wolle moved, as an amendment to this amendment, that the entire resolution be stricken out. Agreed to.

Br. Goepp offered his amendment as a resolution, to be added to the report. Not agreed to.

Br. E. T. Senseman offered the following resolution :

*"Resolved,* That our members have the right in their own houses to allow females to pray audibly, even though others besides members of their own families be present at these religious meetings."  
Adopted.

Synod took a recess.

On re-assembling, Synod proceeded to the consideration of the *Fourth Resolution*.—Br. S. Wolle moved that the resolution be amended as follows : *"Resolved,* That the Prov. Synod enjoins the duty upon all ministers and elders of our churches, most carefully to watch over meetings of social prayer, lest what is begun in the spirit should end in the flesh."

On motion, the resolution as amended was adopted.

*Fifth Resolution*.—On motion of Br. S. Wolle, the resolution was adopted.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Discipline and Worship, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the supplementary report of the Committee on Discipline and Worship was taken up.

*First Resolution* was, on motion of Br. S. Wolle, adopted.

*Second Resolution*.—Br. Kampman moved to strike out the second resolution.

Br. Latimer moved to amend the resolution as follows :

*Resolved,* That this Synod recommends to insert the following among the rules and principles of our church : "That no person can be received as a member of the church, who habitually makes use of, or is engaged in, the manufacture or sale of intoxicating drinks, to the injury of his fellow-men." Yeas 19, nays 18. Carried by a majority of one.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock.

Sung : "D bu ! deß Güte kein Mund ausspricht. 3c."

## NINETEENTH SESSION.

Friday, May 31, 7 P. M.

Sung : "As thy sheep, may we all thy voice obey," &c.

Before proceeding to the special order of business for this session, the President submitted and read the following communication addressed to the Synod :

*To the Provincial Synod of the Northern Province of the Church of the United Brethren in the United States of America.*

The undersigned brother, having been re-elected a member of the P. E. C., and having accepted of that appointment, is very sorry to declare, that owing to the passage

of a certain resolution concerning the use of intoxicating liquors, which resolution he considers unconstitutional, and contrary to the spirit of Christian liberty, and which might compel him to pass judgment contrary to the conviction of his own conscience, he herewith most respectfully resigns his office as a member of the P. E. C. into the hands of this Synod.—Your brother in Christ,

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PHILIP H. GOEPP.

Synod being of the opinion that the resignation of Br. Goepf, was based upon a misunderstanding, Br. Latimer moved that the Brn. Kampman and Shultz be appointed a committee by this Synod, to call upon Br. Goepf and explain to him the true meaning and intention of the resolution, and report to the Synod the result of their mission. Agreed to.

Br. Esler moved that Synod proceed to the regular order of business.

The regular order of business being the consideration of the report of the committee on publications.

Br. Schweinitz moved to take up the resolutions seriatim. Agreed to.

*First Resolution*, on motion of Br. Latimer. was adopted.

*Second Resolution*, on motion of Br. S. Wollé, adopted.

*Third Resolution*, on motion of Br. Esler, adopted.

*Fourth Resolution*, Br. Esler moved its adoption. Agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz moved that Synod now take up the sixth resolution of the report of Finance, which had been postponed. Agreed to. The resolution reads as follows :

*Resolved*, "That an annual appropriation of a sum not exceeding Three hundred Dollars be appropriated for publication purposes."

Br. Schweinitz moved to strike out the entire resolution.

Br. Krause moved as an amendment, to strike out "Three Hundred" and insert "One thousand." The amendment was lost.

Br. Wunderling moved as an amendment, that "Three hundred" be stricken out, and "Five hundred" inserted. Lost.

The original motion to strike out, was adopted.

Br. Latimer offered the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That hereafter neither of our church papers shall be sent to any subscriber, unless paid for in advance.

2. *Resolved*, That our ministers use all their influence to increase the circulation of our church papers, and that they appoint a lay-member of their congregation to solicit subscribers for those papers.

On motion these resolutions were adopted.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the resolution in the report in reference to the "Brüder-Blatt" be adopted.

Br. Wunderling moved to amend the resolution as follows : "That the publication of the Brüder Blatt be continued till the end of the present year. But if deemed impracticable by P. E. C. to continue its publication after that, it be then discontinued and the subscribers recommended to procure the "Missions-Blatt" as a substitute." Amendment agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the report as amended be adopted as a whole. Agreed to.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the committee be discharged. Agreed to.

Br. Kampman and Shultz reported the result of their interview with Br. Goepp, to wit: that he, Br. Goepp, feels compelled to adhere to his determination, expressed in the letter addressed to the Provincial Synod.

Br. Schweinitz moved, that in as much as this Synod has heard that Br. Goepp will in no contingency withdraw his resignation, the same be accepted, and that Synod proceed to another ballot for a third member of the P. E. C.

Br. Schweinitz gave way to Br. Shultz, who moved that the remaining portion of the report of the committee on Discipline and Worship be first taken up. Agreed to.

The resolution in regard to Memorial F. of that report, was on motion adopted.

The resolution in regard to Memorial H was, on motion, adopted.

*Fifth Resolution* was, on motion, adopted.

*Sixth Resolution* was, on motion, adopted.

Br. Wunderling moved that the report, as amended, be adopted as a whole. Agreed to.

On motion the committee on Discipline and Worship was discharged.

Br. Schweinitz renewed his motion to go into an election for a third member of the P. E. C. Agreed to.

Synod then proceeded to the twenty-seventh ballot for a member of the P. E. C. The tellers reported the following result:

*Twenty-seventh Ballot.*—Whole number of votes polled, 44; necessary to a choice, 30.—J. C. Jacobson had 27 votes, C. F. Kluge 6, P. Wolle 4, H. A. Shultz 4, Wm. Lennert 1, E. de Schweinitz 1, D. Bigler 1.

No brother having received the requisite number of votes, Synod proceeded to the twenty-eighth ballot. The tellers reported the following result:

*Twenty-eighth Ballot.*—Whole number of votes polled 45; necessary to a choice, 30.—J. C. Jacobson had 37 votes, C. F. Kluge 5, H. A. Shultz 2, Wm. Lennert 1.

Br. Jacobson having the required number of votes, was declared elected as a member of the P. E. C.

Br. Jacobson asked time before giving his decision. Granted.

Br. Schweinitz moved to take up the report of the Committee on Education. Agreed to.

A motion was made to adjourn. Lost.

On motion, the resolution appended to the report of the Committee on Education was adopted.

On motion the report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Committee on Education was discharged.—Adjourned.

*Sung:* Another day is at an end," &c.



## TENTH DAY.

Saturday, June 1, 8 A. M.

## TWENTIETH SESSION.

SUNG: "Lord, Thy body ne'er forsake," &amp;c.

Prayer and reading of Scripture (Psalm 23) by Br. Greider.  
 Texts of the day read by the President.

Minutes of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth sessions read, amended and approved.

Br. Jacobson announced to the Synod, that after prayerful and mature consideration, he had determined to accept the appointment as a member of the P. E. C., thanking the Synod for the confidence reposed in him, and asking the petitions of the brethren in his behalf.

After singing

"*Sehe auf die durchgegrabene Hände, u.*"

Br. Hagen addressed the Throne of Grace in behalf of Br. Jacobson, and of the whole P. E. C.

The Synod then joined in singing

"*Wollst deine Diener salben, u.*"

Br. Schweinitz offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Br. P. H. Goepp, for his long and faithful services as a member of the P. E. C.; and that the thanks of this Synod be likewise tendered to Br. P. Wolle, for the faithfulness with which he has discharged his duties as a member of the same body."

Br. Schweinitz moved that when Synod adjourns this morning, it adjourn sine die. Agreed to.

Br. Helwig moved that Synod reconsider the resolution adopted yesterday, as follows: "That this Synod recommends to insert the following among the rules and principles of our church: That no person can be received as a member of the church, who habitually makes use of, or is engaged in, the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, to the injury of his fellow men."

Br. Senseman moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Not agreed to.

The motion to reconsider was agreed to.

Br. Kampman moved to strike out the entire resolution. Agreed to.

Br. Wunderling moved to take up the report of the committee on the State of Religion in the Province, and to consider its Recommendations seriatim. Agreed to.

Recommendation I. Br. Schweinitz moved its adoption. Agreed to.

Recommendation II. Br. Wunderling moved its adoption. Agreed to.

Recommendation III. Br. Wunderling moved to strike out "publicly and privately." Agreed to.

On motion the recommendation as amended, was adopted.

Recommendation IV. Br. E. Leibert moved to strike out this recommendation. Agreed to.

Recommendation V. Br. E. Leibert moved to strike out this recommendation. Not agreed to.

Br. Senseman moved to strike out the last clause, "that it be held on the first Sunday of the month, if otherwise suitable." — Amendment agreed to.

On motion the original recommendation as amended was adopted.

Recommendation VI. On motion of Br. Wunderling, adopted unanimously.

Recommendation VII. Br. Leibert moved its adoption. Agreed to.

On motion of Br. Lennert the preamble and recommendations, as amended, were adopted as a whole.

On motion the committee was discharged.

Br. Brickenstein offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, "That at his ordination as deacon, presbyter, or bishop, every minister be required to declare publicly, at the administration of the rite, his belief in the Holy Scriptures as the only rule of faith and conduct, and his adherence to the Rules and Regulations of the Moravian church, and that the Bishops of our Province prepare a short series of questions and answers which shall be submitted to the U. E. C. for approval."

Br. Schweinitz moved its adoption.

Br. E. E. Reinke moved as an amendment that the Bishops prepare a formulary of questions and answers conceived in the spirit and contents of the resolution, to be presented to the next Provincial Synod for consideration. Amendment not agreed to. Original resolution adopted.

On motion of Br. S. Wolle, Synod proceeded to the election of an Editor of the Moravian. The tellers reported the following result :

Number of votes polled, 42 ; necessary to a choice, 29.—E. de Schweinitz had 39 votes, E. T. Senseman 1, F. F. Hagen 1, C. F. Kluge 1.

Br. Schweinitz having the required number of votes was declared elected.

Br. Schweinitz said that if he were to consult his own feelings, he would decline the appointment, but the importance of the cause, constrained him to disregard his own wishes, and to accept the trust on trial ; if however he found that the Moravian was not supported by the Province, he would be compelled to resign his office into the hands of the P. E. C.

Br. S. Wolle moved that the present Editor of the "Brüder-Blatt," be continued in his office. Agreed to.

Br. Wunderling expressed his willingness to continue in his capacity as Editor.

On motion, Synod proceeded to the election of the advisory Financial Committee. The tellers reported the following result:

43 votes polled; necessary to a choice, 22.—Jacob Rice had 40 votes, M. Krause 39, E. A. Frueauff 22, J. H. Wolle 17, W. T. Roepper 4, P. H. Goepp 4, A. Luckenbach 2, F. Wolle 1.

The Brn. J. Rice, M. Krause and E. A. Frueauff, were declared duly elected.

Br. Schweinitz moved that the Synod take up his resolution, submitted in a previous session, to add an article to the Constitution of the Church of this Province. Agreed to.

The resolution having been read, on motion of Br. Bechler, was adopted unanimously.

Br. C. Reinke moved that the reports on "Discipline and Worship," and on the "State of Religion," with their resolutions, be published in the Moravian. Agreed to.

Br. S. Wolle offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That our next Triennial Synod shall be held at Bethlehem.

Br. Tschudy moved to strike out Bethlehem and insert Litiz. Lost.

The original resolution was adopted.

Br. S. Wolle offered the following: *Resolved*, That the Secretary receive the usual compensation of fifty dollars for his services." Adopted.

Br. Esler offered the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas, we have no Hymn Book, at present, specially for the use of our Sabbath Schools; therefore,

*Resolved*, That until the P. E. C. shall have provided a Hymn Book for the use of our Sunday Schools, this Synod do authorize the introduction of the S. S. Union Hymn Book into the same."

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Br. S. Wolle presented the following: *Resolved*, That the P. E. C. be requested to reply in the name of the Synod to the letter of salutation of the U. E. C., communicated to this Synod." Agreed to.

On motion of Br. Brickenstein it was

*Resolved*, That at each Synod a brother be appointed by the President to deliver before the next Synod a sermon or address, on any subject connected with the history, principles, ritual, or polity of the Moravian church, the P. E. C. to have power to find a substitute, if necessary.

On motion of Br. S. Wolle it was

*Resolved*, That 300 copies of the Journal of the present Synod, omitting all communications other than reports of committees and agents of the Synod, except the letter from the U. E. C., and the letter from Br. Goepp, together with an Appendix consisting of the

Resolutions embodying the final acts of the Synod, be printed under the direction of the P. E. C. and the Secretary.

Br. Syl. Wolle moved that the Synod proceed to nominate another Bishop, to be recommended to the U. E. C. for appointment to the episcopal office.

Br. Schweinitz offered the following as an amendment:

*Resolved*, That in case it shall become necessary to have another Bishop consecrated, ere the meeting of the next Prov. Synod, the P. E. C. shall gather the nominating votes of the several churches of the Province in the same manner in which the votes are taken when a vacancy occurs in the P. E. C. in the interval between two Synods: provided always, that the rule laid down by the Synod of 1858, respecting the nomination of Bishops, continue in force, namely, that two thirds of all the votes given shall be required for a nomination." Adopted.

On motion of Br. A. A. Reinke, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That a heart-felt vote of thanks be tendered by this Synod to Br. Senseman, for his kind services, faithfulness, and devotion to the church, in the editorship of the Moravian.

On motion of Br. Kampman, it was

*Resolved*, That we, the members of this Synod, unanimously return our thanks to the brethren and sisters of the congregation at Litiz, for the hospitality and kindness with which they have entertained us during our sojourn at this place."

Br. N. S. Wolle, of Litiz, responded in behalf of the Litiz congregation, assuring the visiting brethren of the heartiness of the welcome extended to them at Litiz, and expressing the satisfaction which the congregation felt, not only in having an opportunity to entertain the Synod, but in being able to witness the proceedings of the body. He was fully competent to assert that the hearts and houses of the congregation were freely opened on this occasion, and it was gratifying to feel that the efforts made to please the guests had been appreciated beyond the highest expectations of the congregation. He believed that the sittings of the Synod here, and the opportunities offered to listen to the discussions of this body, would very materially tend to heighten the interest of this congregation in the general affairs and history of our church, as also to strengthen the bond of Christian brotherhood with the sister congregations in the Province. Thanking the brethren for their expressions of satisfaction, he hoped that the congregation at Litiz might enjoy an opportunity soon again to have the Synod in its midst.

On motion of Br. C. Reinke, it was resolved that the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for granting excursion tickets to the delegates passing over their roads.

On motion, it was resolved that the minutes of this morning's session be revised by the P. E. C.

On motion of Br. Schweinitz, it was resolved, that this Synod do now adjourn sine die.

Synod joined in singing :

"Der Herr ist noch und stumm nicht, &c."

The President thereupon addressed Synod in some feeling valedictory remarks, after which Br. P. Wölle led in a fervent prayer.

The brethren then united in singing :

"O, er bleib uns eingedrückt," &c.

And

"We who here together are assembled," &c.

During the singing of the last verse the members extended to each other the right hand of fellowship.

The President then pronounced the Apostolic Benediction, and the Synod of 1861, of the Northern District of the American Province of the Moravian Church of the United Brethren adjourned sine die, at 11½ o'clock, A. M.

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# APPENDIX.

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## RESOLUTIONS OF THE SYNOD OF 1861.

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### A.

#### *Resolutions with regard to the order of business at the Synod.*

*Resolved*, 1. That at this present Synod, and at subsequent Synods, the following Committees be appointed, to be called the "*Standing Committees of the Synod*," to wit:

- a. A Committee on Education.
- b. A Committee on Home Missions.
- c. A Committee on Publications.
- d. A Committee on Finance.
- e. A Committee on the State of Religion.

2. That these committees, unless ordered otherwise in any particular case, by the Synod, shall always be appointed by the President, in conjunction with the Provincial Elders' Conference, and shall consist of either five, or seven, or nine members, in each committee, as the President and the P. E. C. may see fit; Provided, however, that the number of members in any committee, if this be deemed necessary, may be increased by the Synod.

3. That to these committees shall be referred, as soon as they have been read, the reports of all officers and bodies appointed by Synod to act during the recess between Synods, unless otherwise ordered by the Synod.

4. That the announcement of the names of the members composing these committees, shall be the business next in order after said reports have been read.

5. That thus the order of business at this Synod, and at subsequent Synods, next after the organization thereof, be the following, unless otherwise established by Synod:

a. Reading of the reports of all officers and bodies appointed by Synod to act during the recess between Synods, and reference of each report as read to the respective Standing Committee, according to Res. 3.

b. Announcement by the President, of the names of the members of the Standing Committees.

c. Presentation of memorials and communications from the churches of the Province, or from individuals, including such resolutions as members of the Synod may have prepared and be ready to present.

d. Appointment of Special Committees by the Synod, provided any such committees be deemed necessary, said committees to be filled by the President, in conjunction with the P. E. C., unless otherwise ordered by the Synod.

e. Reports of the pastors and delegates of the churches of the Province, upon the State of Religion in the same. Journal pages 8 and 9.

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### B.

#### *Resolution in regard to Fry's Valley.*

*Resolved*, That the petition of the congregation of Fry's Valley, Ohio, in respect to the right of special representation in the Provincial Synod, be granted. Journal page 37.

## C.

*Resolutions in reference to P. E. C.; the Home Mission Work; the Sustentation of Ministers; the Education of their children; and Contributions in aid of the Sustentation Fund by the Churches of the Province.*

(Submitted by the Committee of the Whole, and adopted by the Synod.)

**Resolved**, 1. That the P. E. C. shall consist of three members as heretofore, to be elected by the Provincial Synod; that they shall have power to organize by electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer; and that the Treasurer shall be a member of the P. E. C.

2. That the great objects of our Moravian Home Missions are, to spread the Gospel, to win souls for Jesus, wherever he opens the door in our country, and to form societies and congregations in full communion with the Moravian Church.

3. That resolutions 2, 3, and 4, of the resolutions of the Provincial Synod of 1858, creating a Home Mission Board, be repealed, and that the entire management of our Home Missions, including the appointment of Home Missionaries, and the expenditure and control of all funds appropriated in aid of the Home Mission cause by the church, or contributed by societies or individuals, for general Home Mission purposes, be vested in the P. E. C.: provided always that the P. E. C. have the power to appoint visitors, outside of their own body, to the various Home Mission congregations.

4. That the Synod look with confidence to all the members of our church, and to our different Home Mission societies, to co-operate with the P. E. C. in aiding and carrying forward our Home Mission work.

5. That any number of persons, being under the care of a Home Missionary, appointed by the P. E. C., may with the consent of that body, and under such rules and regulations as it shall prescribe, organize themselves into a Home Mission congregation, the full communicant members of which shall be considered individually full members of the Moravian church; but no Home Mission congregation, as such, shall have the privilege or right of synodical representation, nor shall its minister have a vote in any Provincial Synod, but be merely an advisory member of the same.

6. That when such a Home Mission congregation shall have been completely organized, and its members fully instructed and indoctrinated in the views and principles of our church, said Home Mission congregation may be constituted a regular Moravian, or Brethren's church, in accordance with the rules and provisions laid down by the Provincial Synod; but no Home Mission congregation shall be constituted and admitted as a regular Moravian, or Brethren's church, unless by a resolution of the Provincial Synod, and until such Home Mission congregation shall be fully able and willing to provide for the support of its minister, and the necessities of its church establishment, without any fixed or regular aid out of the general funds of the church.

7. That no person shall be employed as a Missionary or Minister in any of our churches unless P. E. C. shall be fully satisfied with his qualifications for such office, including an acquaintance with the doctrines, principles, and discipline of the Brethren's Church, and unless he shall have been a member of the same, either in this country or elsewhere, for at least one year next preceding his appointment.

8. That no Home Missionary, or Minister, who has been received from other churches, or otherwise received into the ministry upon a trial for one year, shall be entitled to any sustentational, or educational privileges, or to a vote in the Provincial Synod, unless after faithful service of six years' duration, to be computed from the day of his acceptance into the service of the church, nor shall either he or his family, in case of death, or resignation, or removal from office, prior to the expiration of said term, have claims upon the general funds of the church.

9. That no children of any Home Missionary, or Minister, born prior to their father having entered into the service of our church, shall be entitled to educational privileges.

10. That the P. E. C. shall have no power, or authority, either to donate or advance any money from the general funds of the church, for the purpose of erecting churches or meeting-houses, in any of our congregations.

11. That the amount to be contributed by the P. E. C., for the support of any Home Missionary, shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars in any one year.

12. That no Home Mission Society shall begin a Mission, or Station, unless authorized to do so by the P. E. C.; and in commencing a new, or continuing an

old Mission, said society shall provide for all the financial necessities of the same, the adequate support of the Home Missionary, and his traveling expenses.

13. That in the appointment of Home Missionaries to such stations, or congregations, as are under the care of a Home Mission Society, the same rules shall obtain as in the appointment of ministers generally, except that the Board of such Home Mission Societies, shall have the right of veto, but not of nomination in the appointment of their Home Missionary or Missionaries.

14. That, whenever a Home Mission Society is unable to continue the support of any Home Mission congregation under its charge, the P. E. C. shall not be bound either to continue the mission, or to provide for the support of its minister, unless he be otherwise entitled to that support.

15. That whenever a Home Mission Society shall have undertaken to raise and provide the means necessary for the support of one or more missionaries in the field, this Society shall then have the entire disposal of the means collected for this purpose; but no such Society shall have the right to interfere with the management or superintendence of the spiritual concerns of the Home Mission stations, or congregations, under its care, the right of superintending all spiritual affairs, as well as the appointment and oversight of all ministers of the province, being synodically exclusively vested in the P. E. C.

16. That the P. E. C. shall report to every Provincial Synod the names of all those Home Missionaries, who are entitled to sustentational, educational, or synodical privileges.

17. That in general the rule shall obtain in all our churches, that all who are confirmed or received by baptism as adults, are thereby received as full communicant members into the Moravian church.

18. That the general rule shall obtain, that the reception of members into our church shall take place in a public service, after they have undergone a careful probation and have received a preparatory course of instruction in the history, principles and discipline of our church, by the Minister or Home Missionary, all exceptional cases to be decided by the P. E. C.

19. That every congregation and Home Mission station, shall be visited by a member of the P. E. C., or by another brother appointed for this service, at least once a year: provided, however, that on every occasion a collection, sufficient to cover all the expenses of the journey, be taken in the congregation which is to be visited, and paid over into the hands of the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund, before such visit is made.

20. That whenever P. E. C. shall have become fully satisfied, after a reasonable period of time, that there is no prospect whatever of establishing a *Moravian* church at a Home Mission station, they may remove or appoint their missionary elsewhere, to a more promising field of labour.

21. That the P. E. C. are requested to revise the instructions to our Home Missionaries, and the rules and discipline of the Home Mission churches, in unison with our synodical enactments, and to publish them in the form of a Home Mission Manual, both in the German and English languages.

22. That the brethren J. F. Fett, M. A. Iverson, P. H. Gapp, and J. Praeger, having served six years or longer, and in the unanimous opinion of the Board, approved themselves as faithful ministers of Christ and of the Brethren's church, are entitled to the privileges, specified in resolution 15, of the Provincial Synod of 1858, v. Journal, page 83.

23. Each son or daughter of the minister of our church shall hereafter be entitled to the privilege of four years' gratuitous support and education in our educational institutions, or to a yearly commutation money of fifty dollars during four succeeding years, to begin from the eleventh birth-day of such children, — at the option of the parents.

24. Children of ministering brethren, at present in any of our educational institutions, shall remain there until the term hitherto allowed shall have expired, under the rules hitherto applicable in such cases.

25. The sustentational privileges of any widow of a deceased minister shall cease as soon as she shall marry again, but the educational privileges of her children shall continue unaltered.

26. That the minister of each congregation shall, on or before the 31st day of January in each and every year, furnish the P. E. C. with a correct list of all the adult communicant members of his charge, which list shall be certified by at least two members of the Committee, or Board of Elders,—and that each Congregation be requested to contribute annually to the general church-fund an amount of not less than fifty cents for



every adult communicant member, which contribution shall be paid over by the Minister or Treasurer of each congregation to the Treasurer of the Sustentation Diacony, at the same time with the delivery of the list of members,—Journal p. 43, 44, 56.

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## D.

### *Resolutions on Finance.*

1. *Resolved*, That the time for the payment of the loan of \$2000, to the congregation at Hope, Indiana, be extended to three years from the date of maturity, on condition that interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum be paid therefor.
2. That the P. E. C. be requested to recommend the application of Br. D. Z. Smith, to the kind consideration of the Mission Department.
3. That the communication respecting sister Lichtenthaeler be referred to the consideration of the P. E. C.
4. That the entire Sisters' House premises be offered to the Trustees of the Bethlehem congregation for the sum of four thousand dollars.
5. That the P. E. C. be recommended to increase the revenue derived from the Single Sisters' and Widows' Houses in Bethlehem, by increasing the rents fifty per cent upon all new tenants.
7. That a settlement with the agent of the Book-store at Bethlehem shall be made every three months.
8. That, Number 18, of Resolutions on Home Missions (page 110 of Synodal Results of 1858) be repealed.
9. That the sum of \$298.45, advanced to the general Home Mission Board over and above the annual appropriation, and now appearing as an indebtedness on the books of the Sustentation Diacony, be cancelled.
10. That in reply to the communication from the Home Mission congregation at Egg Harbor city, the Synod, having been informed, that a brother has advanced the amount of their indebtedness, about \$400, recommend the punctual payment of the interest, thereby securing the permanency of the investments.
11. That a fund similar to the Bethlehem and Nazareth special funds be created, called the Litiz special fund, and that the sum of twenty thousand dollars be credited to the same, this being the estimated value of the Litiz Boarding School, formerly being considered the property of the Litiz congregation, and not heretofore accounted for in the books of the Sustentation Diacony. Journal p. 58 and 62.

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## E.

### *Resolution in regard to the College.*

*Resolved*, That the Principal of the College and Theological Seminary, in conjunction with the P. E. C. be instructed to secure the occasional services of another Professor. Journal p. 65.

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## F.

### *Recommendations on the State of Religion.*

*Recommendation 1.* That the present membership of the Moravian church be solemnly called upon to examine themselves whether they be in the faith; and that, to this end, a pastoral letter be addressed to our congregations.

2. That for the increase of the body and the edifying of itself in love, and for the effectual working together in the measure of every part, the diversified gifts of individuals should be combined and called into lively exercise. To this end the original "*band-*

meetings," composed of subdivisions of the congregations, be revived, wherever practicable, in which each member present be requested to give an account of his or her religious experiences or feelings; and that on these occasions brethren and sisters meet apart.

3. That our congregations, in appointing men to the office of Elders or Trustees, should conscientiously select such as have the needful gifts and grace to assist the minister in his spiritual work, by prayer and exhortation, — men whose minds and hearts are in the work of saving souls.

4. That the holy communion be administered more frequently, and, if desired, monthly.

5. That we consider it a cheering and blessed token for good, that in a number of our congregations, lay brethren have come forward as efficient helps to the labors of their pastors, both in private and in public social prayer meetings; and, whilst we utterly condemn an uncharitable disposition to judge our brethren who do not, and cannot publicly come forward and speak of the state of their hearts, we earnestly urge upon all the Apostle's command, at all proper times "to be ready to give a reason of the hope that is within them," and boldly to stand up for Jesus.

6. That we hail the blessed Union movement among Christian denominations, which has so happily resulted from the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the last few years, as a most auspicious and important sign of the times, and that we will join it heart and soul Journal p. 66 and 67.

## G.

### *Resolutions in regard to Worship and Discipline.*

Whereas, a distinction should be recognized to exist between a *private* dwelling house, and the public house of worship, where all the members of the church have equal rights and privileges of divine worship, therefore

*Resolved* 1. That in the public house of worship, the apostolical rule should at all times be observed: "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are *commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law."—(1 Cor. 13, 34 and 35; 1 Tim. 2, 12.)

2. That our ministers should not encourage their people by word or example, to act contrary to our synodal recommendations, but strive to enlighten the minds of their people by sound scriptural teachings, to prove themselves law-abiding members of the church, in accordance with the prayer in our litany, "Purify our souls in *obeying* the truth, through the spirit, unto unfeigned love of the brethren." (1 Pet. 1, 22.)

3. That our members have the right in their own houses to allow females to pray audibly, even though others besides members of their own families, be admitted to these religious meetings.

4. That the Provincial Synod enjoins the duty upon all the ministers and elders of our churches most carefully to watch over meetings of social prayer, lest what is begun in the spirit, should end in the flesh.

5. That we deem it of paramount importance most affectionately to request those brethren and sisters who take part in such social prayer meetings as above alluded to, and those who are not in favour of them, mutually to abstain from all harsh and uncharitable judging of those of their brethren and sisters who differ with them on this question, bearing in mind the injunction of the Apostle, "Let brotherly love continue" (Heb. 13, 1.) and the declaration of our Saviour, (John 13, v. 34, 35,) "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye also love one another, by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

6. Whereas, the following resolution, adopted by the Provincial Synod of 1855, is still in force:

"Whereas, Intemperance," &c., &c., v. p. 85, Journal of 1855.

And whereas, in our opinion the above resolution covers the whole ground which a Synod of our church can occupy on the subject of Temperance:

*Therefore Resolved*, That while our Synod cannot consistently with the truly catholic platform of our church take any further and more definite action in favour of the cause of Temperance, than has already been done, by the action of our General Synod of 1848 and 1857, v. § 78, p. 117 of Synodical Results of 1857, and of our Provincial Synod of 1855, page 85: we do, nevertheless, most cheerfully acknowledge the great amount of good done through the instrumentality of associations formed for the

suppression of the sin of Intemperance, and we most heartily bid them God speed, as hand-maids of the religion of Jesus, which contains the only true panacea or radical cure for all sin.

7. *Resolved*, To recommend to all the ministers and churches in our Province to carry out the provisions contained in §21, of the Results of the General Synod of 1857, (v. p. 21) with special reference to the introduction of the Thanksgiving service after the celebration of the Holy Communion, where they have not taken place hitherto.

8. To recommend to the brethren of the P. E. C. to cause all such brethren to be ordained Presbyters, who are engaged in the ministry of our branch of the Church, and who have not yet been ordained Presbyters of the church. Journal p. 62, 63 & 65.

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## H.

### *Resolutions in regard to Church Publications.*

*Resolved*, 1. That the weekly publication of the Moravian, at the present price, be continued during the current year.

2. That with the beginning of the new year the form of the "*Moravian*" be altered to a folio, or 4-page sheet, with narrower columns than it now has, and that the price of subscription be raised to \$1 50; provided, that in view of the state of the money market, the P. E. C. and the editor shall deem such a change expedient at that time.

3. That in case an embarrassed condition of the Sustentation Fund, arising from financial complications which may possibly grow out of the present political troubles should be found, at the beginning of the next year, to forbid, temporarily, the enlargement of the weekly Moravian at an increased price, the paper, in its enlarged form, shall then be published every alternate week, at \$1 25 per annum.

4. That the place where the "*Moravian*," in its new form, shall be published, shall be determined by the P. E. C. and the editor.

5. That the publication of the Brueder-Blatt be continued till the end of the present year, but if deemed impracticable by the P. E. C. to continue its publication after that, it be then discontinued, and the subscribers recommended to procure the "*Missions-Blatt*," as a substitute.

6. That hereafter neither of our church papers shall be sent to any subscriber, unless paid in advance.

7. That our ministers use all their influence to increase the circulation of our church papers, and that they appoint a lay member of their congregations to solicit subscribers for those papers. Journal p. 64.

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## I.

### *Resolutions upon the State of the Country.*

WHEREAS, the Provincial Synod of the Moravian church of the Northern District of the United States, now assembled at Litiz, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, feels it to be just and proper, that, in common with our brethren of other religious denominations, we should express our deep interest in the present unhappy and gloomy condition of our once happy and prosperous country; inasmuch as it is a duty enjoined upon us by the Head of our church, in the commandment "to render to Caesar, the things that are Caesar's, and to God, the things that are God's;"—therefore Resolved:

1. That, while, as citizens of the United States, and as members of the Moravian church, we deeply deplore the calamity of civil war in our land, we acknowledge the chastening hand of God, and humbly bow to the decrees of Him, who holds the destinies of nations in his hands.

3. That, while we acknowledge, and submit to *that Power*, we also acknowledge "*the powers that are ordained of God*" over us, and therefore declare our continued, faithful, and unabated allegiance to the government and the constitution of the United States, and of the several States of which we are citizens.

3. That in acknowledging our constitutional government, and the liberty and blessings which we have been permitted to enjoy under it, we, as members of the Moravian church, deem it our duty to extend to it, our hearty support in its efforts and measures

to uphold the constitution, to maintain the integrity of these United States, and to perpetuate to ourselves and to our children, the liberties and blessings of our republican institutions; so that we, as a church, "may continue to lead under them a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

4. That we will continue to unite in ardent prayer, that the Lord may grant unto the government of the United States, in these times of danger, His gracious counsel, and continue to be the gracious Protector of these United States, and of our national constitution; that He may defeat every evil design against us, and continue to show His tender mercies unto these United States as in days past; that He may in his tender mercy stop the effusion of human blood, and make discord and war to cease; and that to this end, He may put into the hearts of all citizens of these United States, thoughts of peace, that we may see it soon established, to the glory of his name.

5. That we will in our prayers, also remember those, who, in obedience to the call of their country, have left their families and homes, and are gone forth to protect our insulted flag, and in support of our constitution and laws—that the Lord of Hosts may strengthen and uphold them, and in the hour of distress, especially when in the arms of death, prove to them their only trust and consolation; and that He may comfort and dry the tears of parents, of brothers, of sisters and of friends, and protect the widows and fatherless children of those who, under His Divine dispensation, sacrifice their lives in the cause of our beloved country. Journal p. 55 and 56.

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## K.

### *Resolution in reference to Coatesville Property.*

Whereas, our title in the church property at Coatesville, Hendricks county, Indiana, consisting of a Church building, Parsonage, and several acres of land, is rendered very insecure, by the abandonment of this Home Mission Station, and the extinction of the Board of Trustees of said place, therefore:

*Resolved*, That we strongly recommend to the P. E. C., to take measures to secure the title to said property as soon as possible, and that they be requested to appoint Br. Martin Houser, to act as their agent in the arrangement of this business. Journal p. 57.

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## L.

### *Resolutions about representation at Lutheran Synods.*

*Resolved* 1. That this Synod appoint the minister of our congregation at Lancaster, as Delegate to the next General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which Synod is to convene at Lancaster. And whereas, said Synod meets biennially, and will have another session before our Synod meets again, therefore:

*Resolved* 2. That the P. E. C. be empowered to appoint a brother to attend the following General Synod of said church, as Delegate from this Synod, and to furnish such Delegate with proper credentials. Journal p. 58.

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## M.

### *Resolutions in regard to the Provincial Archives.*

*Resolved*, 1. That the Archives now at Bethlehem, belonging to the Province, be consolidated with those of the Moravian church at Bethlehem, and be intrusted to the keeping of that church.

2. That Synod recommends to the several churches of the Province to transfer to the consolidated Archives at Bethlehem, such papers or books now in the Archives of those churches, as the same may be willing to give up.

3. That Synod recommends to the Pastors and Trustees of the Bethlehem church, in conjunction with the P. E. C., to appoint an archivist.

4. That any person desiring to examine the Archives, or wishing to borrow books, maps or papers from the same, shall first obtain the consent of the P. E. C., and of the Pastors of the Bethlehem church. Journal p. 61 and 62.

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## N.

### *Resolution in regard to Ordinations.*

*Resolved*, That at his ordination as deacon, presbyter, or bishop, every minister be required to declare publicly, at the administration of the rite, his belief in the Holy Scriptures as the only rule of faith and conduct, and his adherence to the rules and regulations of the Moravian church, and that the Bishops of our Province prepare a short series of questions and answers which shall be submitted to the U. E. C. for approval.—Journal p. 67.

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## O.

### *Resolution offered as an Amendment to the Constitution.*

*Resolved*, That the following article be added to the constitution of the church of the Northern American Provinces.

Any proposed alteration in the constitution, as the same is set forth in the Results of the General Synod of 1857, and in so far as alterations in the constitution are within the power of the Provincial Synod, shall be referred to a committee of nine, to be elected by ballot, and when this committee shall have reported upon the proposed alteration, the same shall be read as reported, shall be discussed in Synod, and shall then be voted upon on three several days, and shall be considered as adopted only in case, at each reading and voting, three-fourths of the members present vote in its favour. Journal p. 57 & 68.

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## P.

### *Resolution in regard to the nomination of a Bishop.*

*Resolved*, That in case it shall become necessary to have another Bishop consecrated, ere the meeting of the next Provincial Synod, the P. E. C. shall gather the nominating votes of the several churches of the Province in the same manner in which the votes are taken when a vacancy occurs in the P. E. C., in the interval between two Synods; provided always, that the rule laid down by the Synod of 1858, respecting the nomination of Bishops, shall continue in force, namely, that two-thirds of all the votes given shall be required for a nomination. Journal p. 69.

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## Q.

### *Resolution in regard to the place of holding next Synod.*

*Resolved*, That our next Triennial Synod shall be held at Bethlehem. Journal p. 68.

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## R.

### *Resolution in regard to a proposed Sermon at Synod.*

*Resolved*, That at each Synod a brother be appointed by the President to deliver before the next Synod a sermon, or address, on any subject connected with the history, principles, ritual, or polity of the Moravian Church. The P. E. C. to have power to find a substitute, if necessary. Journal p. 68.

## S.

*Resolution in regard to U. E. C.'s Salutation and P. E. C.'s Response.*

*Resolved*, That the P. E. C. be requested to reply in the name of the Synod to the letter of salutation of the U. E. C., communicated to this Synod. Journal p. 68.

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## T.

*Resolution in regard to Hymn Book for Moravian Sunday Schools.*

*Whereas*, we have no Hymn Book at present, specially for the use of our Sabbath Schools; therefore,

*Resolved*, That until the P. E. C. shall have provided a Hymn Book for the use of our Sunday Schools, this Synod do authorize the introduction of the Sunday School Union Hymn Book into the same. Journal p. 68.

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## U.

*Resolution in regard to Compensation of Secretary.*

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Synod receive the usual compensation of Fifty Dollars for his services. Journal p. 68.

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## V.

*Resolution on Printing Journal.*

*Resolved*, That 300 copies of the Journal of the present Synod, omitting all communications other than reports of committees and agents of the Synod, except the letter from the U. E. C. and the letter from Br. Goepp, together with an Appendix consisting of the resolutions embodying the final acts of the Synod, be printed under the direction of the P. E. C. and the Secretary. Journal p. 68 and 69.

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## W.

*Resolutions of Thanks to Members of the last P. E. C; to the Editor of the Moravian; to the Railroad Companies, and to the Congregation at Litiz.*

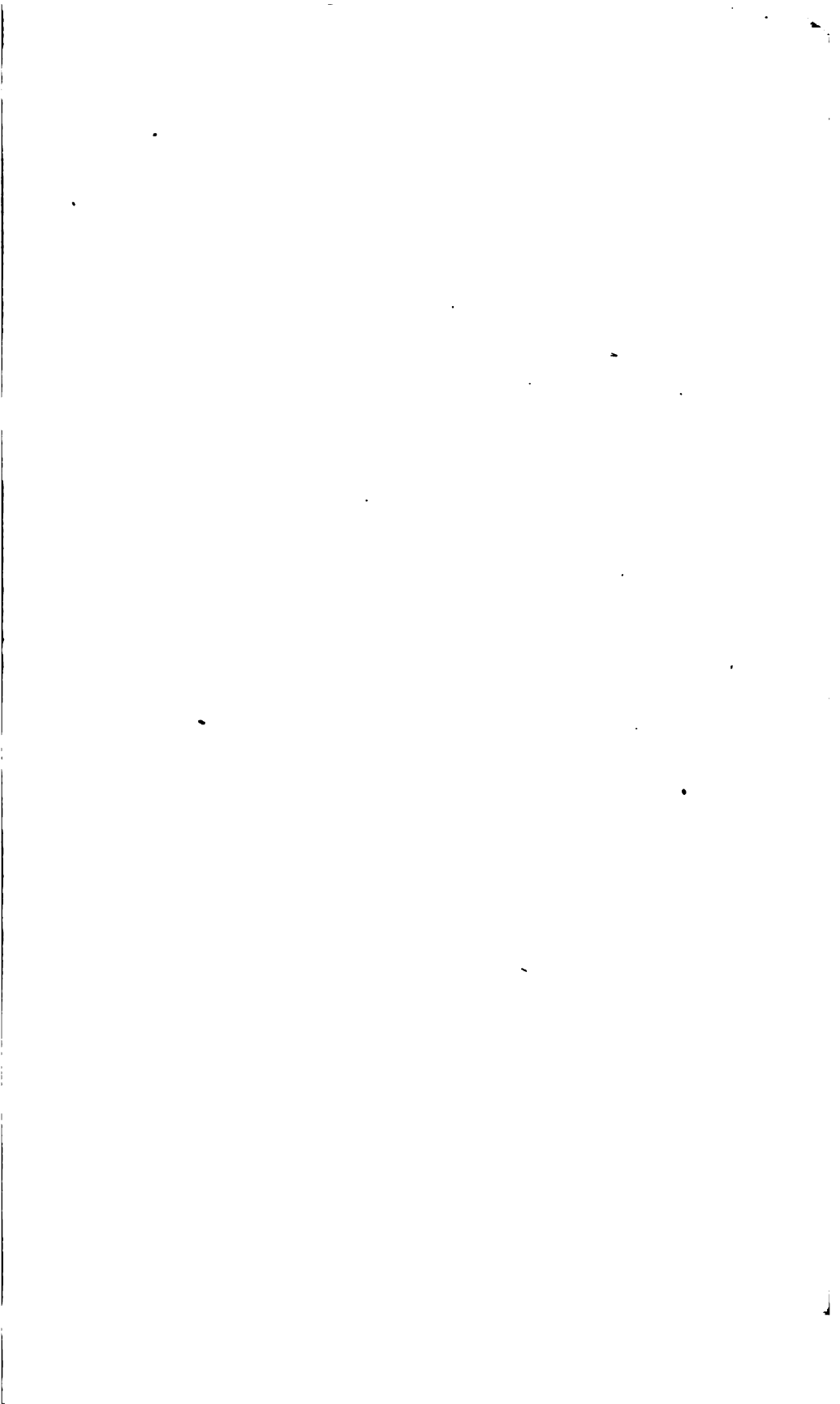
*Resolved*, 1. That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Br. P. H. Goepp, for his long and faithful services as a member of the P. E. C.; and that the thanks of this Synod be likewise tendered to Br. P. Wolle, for the faithfulness with which he has discharged his duties as a member of the same body.

2. That a heart-felt vote of thanks be extended by this Synod to Br. Senseman, for his kind services, faithfulness, and devotion to the church, in the editorship of the Moravian.

3. That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and to the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for granting excursion tickets to the delegates passing over their roads.

4. That we, the members of this Synod, unanimously return our thanks to the brethren and sisters of the congregation at Litiz, for the hospitality and kindness with which they have entertained us during our sojourn at this place. Journal p. 66 and 69.













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